# MINUTES

OF THE

## 107TH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# GERMAN
# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF

## PENNSYLVANIA

AND

## THE ADJACENT STATES.

CONVENED IN ST. JAMES CHURCH,

AT

## READING, BERKS COUNTY, PA.,

DURING

Trinity Week, June 11—16, A. D. 1854.

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# MINUTES.

The German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States, assembled on Saturday, June 10th, 1854, in the city of Reading, Berks county, Pa. The Brethren met with a fraternal reception from the Rev. F. A. M. Keller, pastor loci and were kindly entertained by the members of his congregation. Divine service was opened in the evening at 8 o'clock, in St. James church, by the Secretary, and a sermon preached in the english language, by Rev. C. F. Schæffer, D. D., from 1. Cor. 9: 22.

## TRINITY SUNDAY.

The Ministers and Lay-delegates convened in the residence of the pastor loci, and went in procession to St. James church, where divine service was celebrated, and Rev. J. C. Baker, D. D., President of the Ministerium, preached the Synodical Sermon, in the german language, from Acts 16: 17.

In the afternoon, the Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Secretary of the Ministerium, preached in the english language, from Gal. 6: 5.

In the evening, the Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Treasurer of the Ministerium, preached in the english language, from Math. 28: 20.

In Trinity church, the Rev. G. A. Wenzel preached in the morning, from Rev. 22: 14, and in the evening, the Rev. Nathan Jæger, from John 21: 16, "Lovest thou me?"

In St. Matthews church, the Rev. C. W. Schæffer preached in the morning, from Acts 2: 17. 18, and in the evening, the Rev. C. A. Hay.

A number of the Brethren also preached in churches belonging to other denominations.

## I. SYNODICAL BUSINESS.

### FIRST SESSION.

*Monday, June 12th.*

The members of Synod convened in St. James church, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of business. Rev. Dr. J. C. Baker, President of the Ministerium, took the chair, and opened the session with singing and prayer. The roll was then called and the following ministers being present, took their seats, according to our established custom. Whereupon the Lay-delegates presented their credentials, and were duly admitted to seats and votes in Synod.

| Names of Ministers. | Residence. | Names of Lay-Delegates. |
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| Rev. *D. Ulrich*, | Stauchsburg, | |
| " *J. C. Baker*, D. D., | Philadelphia, | |
| " *J. W. Geissenhainer*, | New York, | |
| " *S. Trumbauer*, | Leacock, | J. Reddig. |
| " *C. R. Demme*, D. D. | Philadelphia, | Christ. Fell. |
| " *G. A. Reichert*, | | John Hess. |
| " *W. J. Mann*, | | |
| " *J. Stein*, | Jonestown, | |
| " *G. F. J. Jæger*, | Klinesville, | Saml. Lœsher. |
| " *E. Peixoto*, | Tylersport, | John Harpel. |
| " *J. Bahl*, | Berwick, | Jacob Seidel. |
| " *H. S. Miller*, | Norristown, | |
| " *C. P. Miller*, | Kintnerville, | |
| " *J. Medtart*, | Blue Bell, | N. N. Slough. |
| " *W. B. Kæmmerer*, | Richlandtown, | |
| " *Joshua Jæger*, | Allentown, | George Ludwig, Jr. |
| " *C. F. Schæffer*, D. D. | Easton, | Edward Seip. |
| " *J. Rœller*, | Kutztown, | Henry Seidel. |
| " *Jer. Schindel*, | South Whitehall, | Sem Grim. |
| " *C. F. Welden*, | Bethlehem, | Jonathan Ritter. |
| " *A. Fuchs*, | Bath, | John Lehr. |
| " *J. C. Barnitz*, | Millersville, | Christian Martin. |
| " *C. W. Schæffer*, | Germantown, | Jacob Heilig. |
| " *L. G. Eggers*, | Stauchsburg, | John Kurr. |
| " *G. M. Merz*, | Chambersburg, | |
| " *W. G. Mennig*, | Pottsville, | Jacob Deibert. |
| " *C. F. Stœver*, | Mechanicsburg, | |
| " *A. T. Geissenhainer*, | Trenton, N. J. | |
| " *A. G. Georgii*, | Camden, N. J. | |
| " *J. T. Vogelbach*, | Allentown, | Jacob Weber. |
| " *C. A. Hay*, | Harrisburg, | Jacob Reel, Jr. |
| " *E. A. Bauer*, | Lehighton, | Zach. Lang. |
| " *F. A. M. Keller*, | Reading, | N. M. Eisenhauer. |
| " *C. F. F. Sallman*, | Conyngham, | |
| " *G. A. Wenzel*, | Trappe, | Benj. H. Hendricks. |
| " *J. Kohler*, | New Holland, | A. G. Smoker. |
| " *C. Rees*, | Brickersville, | John Frey. |
| " *N. Jæger*, | New Hanover, | Fred. Brendlinger. |
| " *J. B. Christ*, | Maytown, | James McClure. |
| " *J. C. Schmidt*, | Bernville, | Jonathan Hoffman. |
| " *Aug. Bergner*, | Greenbriar, | George Harner. |
| " *W. Heilig*, | Middletown, | |
| " *Christian Popp*, | Buchanan, | |
| " *F. Walz*, | Berrysburg, | Henry Hartman. |
| " *M. Sondhaus*, | Elizabethtown, | John Schæffer. |
| " *L. W. Heydenreich*, | Bethlehem, | |
| " *Daniel Maier*, | Harrisburg, | Daniel Wagner. |
| " *J. Naschold*, | Chambersburg, | |
| " *S. K. Brobst*, | Allentown, | John Reichenbach. |
| " *G. F. Miller*, | Pottstown, | Jonas Smith. |
| " *G. F. Krotel*, | Lancaster, | John Bær. |

| Names of Ministers | Residence. | Names of Lay-Delegates. |
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| Rev. *Thos. T. Jæger,* | Womelsdorf, | Henry Philips. |
| " *R. S. Wagner,* | Reading, | John Mohr. |
| " *J. H. Menges,* | Columbia, | Charles Mullen. |
| " *J. C. Miller,* | Phœnixville, | John Clevenstine. |
| " *W. J. Laitzle,* | Palmyra, | John Fuchs. |
| " *B. M. Schmucker,* | Allentown, | Ephraim Grim. |
| " *Julius Ehrhard,* | Schuylkill, | A. G. Braun. |
| " *Ch. C. A. Brandt,* | Johnstown, | |
| " *G. A. Hinterleitner,* | Kutztown, | Jacob Reiff. |
| Cand. *C. Nitterauer,* | Kingston, | |
| " *A. Rueter,* | Orwigsburg, | William Grieff. |
| " *W. Rath,* | Cherryville, | |
| " *J. S. Crumbach,* | Lancaster, | C. C. Van Kannan. |
| " *Jacob Fry,* | Carlisle, | |
| " *Benj. W. Schmauk,* | Lancaster, | Andrew Clemens. |
| " *G. F. Gærtner,* | Manayunk, | |
| *Trinity Church of* | Reading, | George W. Oakly. |
| *Congregation from* | Lebanon, | Henry Ehrman. |
| " " | Millersville, | George Spatz. |
| " " | Upper Mt. Bethel, | Joseph Lœhr. |

*Names of Ministers, received as members of this Ministerium, during its present session:*

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| Rev. *William Gerhardt,* | Stone Church, | from the W. Pa. Synod. |
| " *J. N. Hoffman,* | Lebanon, | " |
| " *Jacob Albert,* | Millersville, | " |
| " *S. R. Boyer,* | McEwensville, | " |
| " *John Weinman,* | Baltimore, | from the Synod of Wisconsin. |
| " *G. J. Simon,* | Boston, | |
| " *Ernest Roos,* | | |

*The following Applicants were, after examination, admitted as Candidates:*

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| Prof. *F. A. Muhlenberg,* | Gettysburg. |
| Mr. *Ernest Luebkert,* | Princeton, N. J. |
| " *John W. Kreglo,* | |
| " *John W. Hossler,* | from Gettysb. Sem. |
| " *Ed. A. Scharretts,* | Lancaster. |

*The following Brethren were absent:*

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| Sen. Min. *W. Bætis,* | Lancaster, | excused. |
| Rev. *J. N. Hemping,* | Millerstown, | " |
| " *J. J. Strein,* | Lancaster, | " |
| " *H. G. Stecher,* | Hummelstown, | " |
| " *S. A. Mealy,* | Canton, | " |
| " *W. J. Eyer,* | Cattawissa, | " |
| " *G. Schulze,* | Williamsport, | " |
| " *J. F. Wilken,* | Wartburg, Tenn. | " |
| " *H. Garlichs,* | Brooklyn, N. Y. | " |
| " *C. G. A. Neumann,* | Upper Mahantongo, | |
| " *P. F. Feysel,* | | |
| " *W. Weaver,* | | " |

*The following Brethren were absent:*

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| Rev. *C. M. Jæger,* | Wilmington, Del., | excused. |
| " *J. F. Hornberger,* | Long Valley, | " |
| Cand. *G. W. Scheide,* | Hamburg, | " |
| " *Fred. O. Merbitz,* | Nauvoo, | " |

*Delegates from other Synods:*

Rev. A. H. M. Held, from the Ev. Lutheran Ministerium of New-York, as a full member; Rev. Prof. C. P. Krauth, D. D., from the Synod of West Pennsylvania; Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., from the Synod of Maryland; Rev. J. A. Brown, from the East Pennsylvania Synod; Rev. Hoffmeier, from the German Reformed Synod.

The following Brethren were received as advisory members: Rev. C. F. E. Stohlmann; Rev. Benj. Keller; Rev. M. Sheeleigh; Rev. J. Z. Senderling, Cor. Sec. of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Ev. Luth. Church; Rev. T. Stork, D. D.; Prof. Springer, D. D.; Rev. E. W. Hutter; Rev. J. G. Butler; Rev. L. Albert; Rev. C. A. Smith, D. D.; Rev. J. K. Kast; Rev. J. D. Steck; Rev. P. Anstædt; Rev. C. D. Ehrhart; Rev. B. Sadtler; Rev. H. Ziegler, Agent of the Education Society; Rev. Leinbach, of the German Reformed Church; and Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, of the Faculty of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg.

Thus constituted, the Synod numbered 146 members.

The President now read his annual report, which was received and referred to a Committee.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

### TO THE "EVANG. LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA AND THE ADJACENT STATES,"

CONVENED IN READING, PA, DURING TRINITY WEEK, A. D. 1854.

*Fathers and Brethren in the Lord!*

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Assembled again, for the purpose of deliberating upon the welfare of the Church, I have the honor, conformably to my duty, to lay before you my annual report of my official acts, in the following order:

**I. Applications for Membership.**

The following Brethren informed me, by letter, that they intended being present at this our annual meeting, for the purpose of making application for membership:

1. Ordained Ministers.

*a*) Rev. W. Gerhardt, hitherto a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod. No. 1.

*b*) Rev. J. Schwalm, pastor of the congregation in Wilkesbarre. He also transmits testimonials, from all the congregations of his charge, of his praiseworthy deportment and christian character. No. 2.

*c*) Rev. J. N. Hoffman, for many years a member, and latterly President of the West Pennsylvania Synod. No. 3.

*d*) Rev. Jacob Albert, hitherto a member of the West Pennsylvania Synod. No. 4.

2. Students.

*a*) Rudolph W. Deininger, a student from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. No. 5. This Brother was, shortly after having notified me of his intention, removed, by death, from time into eternity.

*b*) J. W. Hossler, also a student from the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. No. 6.

*c*) Edward A. Scharretts,—a student of the Rev. J. S. Crumbach. No. 7.

(I also received a letter, dated Sept. 27th, 1853, from Mr. Ernest Luebkert, in which he informs me that he is prosecuting his studies at the Theological Seminary in Princeton, with the view, however, of laboring as a minister in our church. He wished me to inform him as to how he may be received into our Synod. I gave him the desired information, with the advice to spend, at least, part of his preparatory time at Gettysburg. No. 8.)

**II. Applications for permission to preach in vacant congregations.**

April 8th, 1853, Candidate Merbitz asked permission to preach a trial-sermon to the congregation in Manayunk. I granted his request.

April 30th, 1853, Candidate F. G. Gærtner asked permission to preach in Manayunk. Granted.

June 25th, 1853, Candidate Scheide asked leave to preach a trial-sermon in a congregation near Schuylkill Bend. I granted his request. No. 9.

July 12th, 1853, Candidate Jacob Fry asked permission to preach in the vacant congregations at Jefferson, Md., Carlisle and Selingsgrove. I referred him to the Presidents of those Synods, with which these congregations are in connection. No. 10.

December 1st, 1853, Candidate Scheide asked permission to preach at Leesport with the view of organizing a congregation in that place. I granted his request. No. 11.

March 23d, 1854, Edward A. Scharretts, student of theology, asked permission to preach a trial-sermon in Bloomsburg. I granted his request. No. 7.

**III. Ministerial Changes.**

*a*) Candidate Rueter informed me (April 25th, 1853), that he had received a unanimous call from the Orwigsburg congregation. He asks permission to resign his former charge and enter upon that in Orwigsburg. I complied with his request. No. 12.

*b*) Rev. W. Gerhardt informed me (August 2d, 1853), that he had resigned his charge at Bloomfield, and accepted a call from the Mt. Bethel congregation, Northampton county. No. 1.

*c*) Rev. Schwalm notified me (Sept. 20th, 1853), that he had left Ellice congregation, Perth county, Huron Tract, West Canada, and taken charge of that in Wilkesbarre. No. 2.

*d*) Rev. D. Ulrich writes (October 10th, 1853), that he had resigned the so-called Eckkirche in Heidelberg township, Berks county, and also the congregation in Newmanstown, Lebanon co. No. 13.

*e*) Rev. Ch. C. A. Brandt gives notice (Nov. 3d, 1853), that he had left his former charge, and accepted a call from the german congregation in Johnstown, Cambria county. No. 14.

*f*) Rev. J. N. Hoffmann writes (December 1st, 1853), that he

had removed from Carlisle to Lebanon, to take charge of the old congregation in that place. No. 3.

*g*) Rev. Walz from Pottsville notified me (December 16th, 1853), that he had received a unanimous call from the congregations composing Lykens-Valley charge, and would enter upon the duties of his office in January, 1854. No. 15.

*h*) Candidate Fry writes (Jan. 6th, 1854), that he had received a call from the congregation in Carlisle, and asks permission to accept the same. I granted his request. He says: that he wishes to remain a member of this body till the present session. No. 16.

*i*) Rev. Jacob Albert informs me, that he has given up his former congregations, and accepted a call from the congregations in Millersville, Rohrerstown, and Petersburg, Lancaster county. No. 4.

*k*) Rev. G. A. Reichert notifies me, that he had resigned St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia, on Jan. 9th, 1854, and that his resignation was accepted on the 26th of the same month. He remains *pastor emeritus* and desires to continue a member of this body.

*l*) Candidate Nitterauer writes (May 16th, 1854), that he had received a unanimous call from the congregations at Kingston and Churchtown, Cumberland county. I gave him permission to accept the same. No. 41.

**IV. Acceptance of single congregations.**

*a*) Candidate G. F. Gærtner writes (May 11th, 1853), that he had received a call from the congregation in Manayunk, and asked permission to accept the same. It was granted. No. 17.

*b*) Rev. Julius Ehrhard mentions (May 12th, 1853), that Zion's congregation near Orwigsburg had duly elected him their pastor, and that he designed entering on that charge on Trinity Sunday (May 22d, 1853). No. 18.

*c*) Candidate W. Rath requests permission (June 17th, 1853), to take charge of a small congregation, located within the bounds of his district; it has been without a pastor for four months, and if not supplied by him, must remain vacant, as no other brother can take it in charge. I gave him permission. No. 19.

*d*) Cand. Schmauck stated to me verbally (June 21st, 1853), that he has been elected pastor of Zion's church in Lancaster, and requested permission to accept a call from the same. I gave him permission.

*e*) Cand. G. W. Scheide writes (Aug. 3d, 1853), that he had received a unanimous call from a small congregation near Schuylkill Bend, and if I had no objection would accept it. I gave permission.

*f*) Rev. D. Maier mentions (Sept. 7th, 1853), that the rapid growth of his congregation in Harrisburg, caused by immigration, rendered it necessary to have service on every Lord's day, and that he had therefore resigned Wennerich's congregation. Rev. Laitzle has been elected his successor. No. 20.

*g*) Rev. Sondhaus informs me (October 3d, 1853), that he had resigned Bainbridge congregation, and in accordance with the advice of the Lancaster Conference was now preaching in Colebrook congregation. He also has a prospect of soon being able to preach in a small Moravian church near Elizabethtown. No. 21.

*h*) Rev. W. Heilig of Middletown writes (October 19th, 1853), that

a new english congregation had been organized in Bainbridge, Lancaster county, and that they were about erecting a new church. He had received and accepted a call to this place. No. 22.

*i*) Candidate Rueter requests permission (Nov. 4th, 1853), to take charge of Friedensburg congregation, and also occasionally to preach in Tamaqua. I gave him permission. No. 23.

*k*) Rev. Julius Ehrhard mentions (Feb. 15th, 1854), that he had taken charge of Salem's congregation in Schuylkill Haven, and intended preaching his introductory sermon on Feb. 26th, 1854. No. 24.

*l*) Cand. F. G. Gærtner informs me (June 2d, 1853), that the congregation in Frankford had elected him their pastor. I gave him permission to accept.

*m*) Rev. Mann informs me, that on Easter-Monday last, he had been elected to the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Brother Reichert in St. Michael's and Zion's congregation, Philadelphia.

### V. Applications for vacant charges.

*a*) Rev. A. Lachenmayer writes (April 15th, 1853), that he had resigned his congregation in Chambersburg, and removed to Harrisburg. He expressed a wish to be put in charge, as soon as possible, of another congregation, and requests me to point out to him any vacancy with which I might be acquainted. I replied, that I knew of only two vacant charges in our Synod—Orwigsburg and Berryville. Orwigsburg had already elected a pastor, and Berryville required preaching in both languages, on which account he would not be a suitable person for that station. I advised him, however, to endeavor to get a call, either, from the german congregation in Hagerstown, or from the Liverpool charge. No. 25.

*b*) Cand. Nitterauer mentions (July 21st, 1853), that he had resigned his congregation in Dauphin on Sept. 1st, and requests me to recommend to him another english congregation. I knew of no such congregation vacant, in our Synodical-district. No. 26.

*c*) Rev. E. H. Buhre writes (July 29th, 1853), that he had resigned his congregation in Williamsburg, Long Island, N. Y., and requests me to inform him of any vacant congregations in our Synodical-district. He is a member of the Synod of New York, and Dr. Strobel gives him a good recommendation. He is able to preach in both languages. I directed him to the congregations in Lykensvalley, formerly under Rev. Hemping's charge, and to the congregation in Pinegrove. No. 29.

### VI. Applications for Ministers.

*a*) The church-council of the congregation in Washington, Pa., desired me (May 1st, 1853), to recommend to them a suitable pastor. I recommended the Rev. Ludwig Seybold. No. 28.

*b*) The church-council of the congregation in Bainbridge, mentions (Aug. 19th, 1853), that their pastor, M. Sondhaus had been, upon a unanimous vote of the congregation, dismissed, and desire the neighboring ministers to be requested to preach for them occasionally, until another pastor could be elected. I advised them to apply to the Conference of Lancaster county.

*c*) The church-council of the congregation in Bainbridge, informs me (March 23d, 1854), that they, together with others belonging to

that charge, have become vacant, in consequence of the Rev. M. Sondhaus resigning, and request me to recommend to them a suitable pastor. I knew of none, and therefore advised them to send a delegate to the Synod in Reading, where they might find some one willing to take charge of that station and the congregations connected therewith. No. 29.

**VII. Complaints against Ministers.**

*a*) A number of the members of Bindnagel's congregation request me (Jan. 19th, 1854), to appoint a committee, who shall investigate and decide on certain charges preferred against their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Laitzle. I referred them to the Conference of the district. No. 38.

*b*) Jacob Scheuring, Secretary of the german lutheran St. John's church, Chambersburg, informs me (Feb. 15th, 1854), that the charge of heresy having been preferred against their pastor, the Rev. A. O. Brickman, by the Rev. Mr. Eyster, which being sustained by the Cumberland-Valley Conference, he was in consequence expelled from his office; but in as much as he is still greatly beloved by many of his members, it is apprehended, that his dismissal from the congregation might be attended with difficulty. My advice is asked. I replied:

1) if Mr. Brickman had apostatized from the Lutheran faith, he should not wish to officiate any longer as a minister in a Lutheran congregation; if he has become a Swedenborgian, he should formally pass over to the New-Jerusalemites and officiate as minister among them. Honesty demanded this of him.

2) Since the Cumberland-Valley Conference had expelled him from his office, and since their action in the matter would doubtless be sustained by the West Pennsylvania Synod, and approved by our own, the congregation should no longer permit him to preach in their church. No. 34.

**VIII. Dismissions.**

April 30th, 1853. Rev. B. M. Schmucker, of Allentown, transmitted to me, in accordance with a promise made at our last annual session, his certificate of dismission from the Synod of Virginia. No. 35.

August 10th, 1853. Cand. D. Garver requested his dismission from this body, with the view of uniting with the Synod of Illinois, within whose bounds he now labors. I complied with his request. No. 36.

October 20th, 1853. Rev. J. N. Mengert made a verbal request to be dismissed from this to the Synod of Maryland, within whose bounds his charge is located. His request was granted.

Nov. 2d, 1853. Rev. C. Schwankowsky, having taken charge of the congregation in Zelienople, desired to be honorably dismissed from this body, that he might unite with the Synod of Ohio. I complied with his wish. No. 37.

Nov. 18th, 1853. Cand. Jacob Wright notified me, that he had received and accepted a call from congregations within the bounds of the Allegheny Synod, and asked to be dismissed from this, that he might unite himself to that body. I dismissed him. No. 38.

March 2d, 1854. Rev. Joseph B. Gross asked his dismission from this Synod, because his place of residence is so far removed from our places of meeting, that he feels no longer able to attend. I granted his request. No. 39.

June 1st, 1854. I received a communication from Rev. A. Lachenmayer, stating, that he had taken charge of the congregations Middle Lancaster, Prospect and St. John's, and requesting to be dismissed from our Synod for the purpose of being able to unite with that in whose bounds he resides. I gave him an honorable dismission. No. 42,

### IX. Deaths.

October 19th, 1853. Rev. D. Maier of Harrisburg informed me that his brother-in-law, the Rev. Mr. Kleiss of Johnstown, Cambria county, had been removed by death on the 7th of the same month. His disease was bilious, putrid and typhus fever, and lasted three weeks. He retained his full consciousness and continued to rejoice in his Savior to the end. His burial took place October 8th, on which occasion the Rev. D. Maier, in compliance with his expressed desire, preached his funeral discourse. No. 40.

Rev. J. W. Richards, D. D., pastor of Trinity church, Reading, and from 1850—53, President of this reverend body, departed this life on the 24th day of January, 1854. He became indisposed whilst preaching a funeral sermon in his church, and was obliged, immediately after the conclusion of the service, to repair to his residence, where he expired about fifteen minutes after his arrival. His mortal remains were consigned to the earth on the 26th following, and the immense concourse of people, present on the occasion, showed, how highly he was esteemed not only by the members of his own congregation, but by the whole city.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

### X. Corner-Stones laid, and Churches erected.

#### 1. Corner-Stones, A. D. 1853.

On Whitsun-tide the corner-stone of a new church was laid, with the customary solemnities, in Pike township, Berks county.

On Sunday, the 29th day of May, a corner-stone of a new church was laid, near Shoemakerville, in Perry township, Berks county.

The corner-stone of Emanuel's church in Hamburg, Berks county, was laid by Cand. Scheide, on the 5th day of June.

The corner-stone of St. John's church in Lancaster county was laid ———.

On the 14th day of July, the Secretary and myself preached at the laying of the corner-stone of the German Lutheran church in Camden, N. J.

On the 20th day of October, the corner-stone of a Union church in one of Br. C. L. Erle's congregations was laid. This is the third church erected, since he has become pastor of that charge.

On the 22d day of May, 1854, the corner-stone of a new Ev. Luth. church in Wartburg, Morgan county, Tennessee, was laid, by Rev. J. F. Wilken.

#### 2. Consecrations.

October, 1853. The church in Marietta, having been considerably improved and beautified, was consecrated anew to the service of God.

October 6th, 1853. The newly erected Ev. Luth. Augustus church at the Trappe was consecrated.

May 22d, 1853. Trinity church in Lancaster, having been improved and beautified, was consecrated anew to the service of God.

April 22d, 1854. The Union church, St. Joseph's, in Pike township, Berks county, was consecrated.

### XI. Vacant Charges.

1. Elizabethtown charge.
2. Trinity church in Reading.
3. Dauphin.

### XII. The European Legacies.

Dr. Demme, on his return from Germany, brought with him the last yearly interest upon the Streit legacy. Our share amounted to $159\frac{72}{100}$, which I have duly received.

### XIII. Miscellaneous Business.

Conformably to resolution No. 33, of last session, it was made the duty of officers, to adopt speedy measures to have this body incorporated. They, therefore, petitioned the State-Legislature, during its session last winter, for an Act of Incorporation. Their petition was granted, and we are consequently an incorporated body.

In compliance with resolution No. 82, of last session, I took charge of certain papers, documents, &c., hitherto in the hands of Dr. Demme. But having no place in my dwelling for the safe-keeping of the archives, I have entrusted them to the care of Rev. G. A. Reichert.

The President was commissioned, by resulution No. 96, of last year, to purchase a Ministerial-Seal-Press. This has not yet been done.

The President was also appointed delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod. He attended the meeting of that reverend body in the city of Philadelphia, and met with a very cordial reception. May the bonds of brotherly-love continue to unite these two bodies.

### XIV. Suggestions of the President.

1) According to Chap. 11 of our constitution this Synod is divided into six Conference-Districts, and though annual meetings of these Conferences are recommended, they are not made obligatory. The President would therefore suggest: that it be made the duty of each and every Conference to meet, at least, once a year. They can do this in places where this Synod, owing to its size, can hold no meetings, and thus exert a very beneficial influence on many of our congregations and their immediate neighborhoods. Moreover the business of Synod is rapidly accumulating from year to year, and the time, set apart for its transaction, will soon no longer suffice. But Conferences might, by holding annual meetings, attend to much, which must otherwise come before this body, and thus afford us time to transact what business necessarily must come before us, with more caution and reflection.

2) The President would further suggest: that this Synod, from henceforth, use its every endeavor in bringing about such a change in the state of our church, that divine service may be conducted in each congregation, at least, once on each Lord's day. As most of our country-churches are Union-churches, and are occupied by the Lutherans and German Reformed alternately, every Minister might have four congregations, and still secure to each of them one service on

every Sunday, conducted either by one or the other. Having so many congregations to attend to, is injurious, both, to the minister and his people.

And now may the Great Head of the church be in our midst, and cause all we do, to redound to the honor of his great name and the advancement of his Kingdom.

JOHN C. BAKER,
*President.*

READING, Pa., June 12th, 1854.

The President now announced the election of officers for the ensuing year, when it was

I. *Resolved*, that the present incumbents be continued in their respective offices, viz:

Rev. J. C. BAKER, D. D., — *President.*
" A. T. GEISSENHAINER, — *Secretary.*
" C. W. SCHÆFFER, — *Treasurer.*

The papers, documents, &c., addressed to and requiring the action of Synod, were now called for, numbered and handed to the following Committees for examination and report.

*First Committee*—on the President's report: Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, C. F. Welden, E. Peixoto.

*Second Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. S. Trumbauer, Joshua Jæger, J. Rœller, and the Delegates John Hess and Samuel Lœsher.

*Third Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. G. F. J. Jæger, Jer. Schindel, C. P. Miller, and the Delegates John Herpel and Jacob Seidel.

*Fourth Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. H. S. Miller, A Fuchs, L. G. Eggers, and the Delegates Sem Grim and Jon. Ritter.

*Fifth Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. C. F. Schæffer, D. D., J. Vogelbach, L. Heydenreich, and the Delegates John Bær and John Fry.

*Sixth Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. E. Peixoto, E. A. Bauer, G. F. Krotel, and the Delegates John Lœhr and Christian Martin.

*Seventh Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. W. J. Mann, G. F. Miller, N. Jæger, and the Delegates Jacob Deibert and Jacob Reiff.

*Eighth Committee*:—Rev. Messrs. S. K. Brobst, B. M. Schmucker, and the Delegate G. W. Oakly.

*Ninth Committee*—on the minutes of other Synods: Rev. Messrs. J. Medtart, C. F. Stœver, A. Bergner, T. T. Jæger, R. S. Wagner, J. H. Menges, Ch. C. A. Brandt, J. C. Miller, and D. Maier.

*Tenth Committee*—on the President's account: Rev. Messrs. C. F. Welden, F. W. Geissenhainer, and the Delegate John Reddig.

Rev. E. Peixoto was appointed on the Examining Committee in place of Rev. J. W. Richards, deceased.

II. *Resolved*, that we hold a Ministerial Session.

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## SECOND SESSION.

*Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. Held.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

### *Report of the Third Committee.*

The third Committee has the honor to submit the following report:

No. 5. Contains a request from the church-council of the Swatara

congregation, to the effect, that, whereas their present pastor, the Rev. D. Maier being about to leave them, they may be permitted to unite with those congregations which the Rev. Mr. Stecher contemplates resigning.

They also request this reverend Synod to provide them again with a faithful pastor.

The Committee would leave this request to the decision of Synod.

No. 6. Contains a report of the meeting of the members composing the second Conference-district, convened on the first Tuesday in October, 1853, in Saucon, in which occur a few important points, decided, however, by the Conference to the satisfaction of its members.

The Committee is pleased to find, that this Conference is, with but few exceptions, well attended.

No. 7. Is a letter of excuse from Rev. J. N. Hemping, of Lykens-valley, in which he states that sickness and infirm old age prevent his attendance. He incloses two dollars as a contribution to the Missionary treasury, expresses himself pleased, that Br. Walz is laboring successfully among his former congregations, and commends our Synod to the sanctifying and sustaining influence of the Holy Spirit.

No. 8. Is an affecting letter from St. Paul's congregation in Birmingham, in which they inform the Synod that they send 10 dollars to the Missionary treasury, and, at the same time, express a desire, that the Synod would continue its pecuniary aid to their pastor, the Rev. Mr. Popp, as they are only able to make up for him the small salary of $160. They add that it would be cause for deep regret, if their minister should be obliged to leave them for want of support, especially since, in that vicinity, infidelity and ungodly ministers exert a very injurious influence.

Your Committee would move that their request be granted.

G. F. J. JÆGER,
JER. SCHINDEL,
C. P. MILLER,
JACOB SEIDEL,
JOHN HERPEL.

This report was accepted, and it was

III. *Resolved* in reference to No. 5.—That this matter be referred to the fifth Conference.

In reference to No. 6.—The Synod share this pleasure.

" " 7.—That Br. Hemping be excused.

" " 8.—That the request of the congregation in Birmingham be referred to the Committee on Missions.

*Report of the Fourth Committee.*

The fourth Committee has the honor to report as follows:

No. 9. Is a letter from Rev. Mr. Stecher, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance, on account of sickness. He also sends contributions to the Missionary and Synodical treasuries.

No. 10. Is a letter from Rev. H. Garlichs, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance on account of sickness in his family.

No. 11. Is a letter signed by two elders of Schupp's congregation in Dauphin county, in which they declare their satisfaction with their

pastor, the Rev. C. F. Stœver, and express a desire that he may continue among them.

No. 12. Is the act of Incorporation of the German Ev. Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and adjacent States.

Respectfully,

H. S. MILLER,
A. FUCHS,
L. G. EGGERS,
SEM GRIM,
JON. RITTER.

This report was accepted, and it was

IV. *Resolved* in reference to No. 9 and 10.—That the Brethren Stecher and Garlichs be excused.

In reference to No. 11.—That the matter relating to Schupp's congregation be referred to the fifth Conference.

In reference to No. 12.

*a*) That the Act of Incorporation be read. Was done.

*b*) That we accept it.

*c*) That the Secretary be commissioned to return our thanks to the Hon. Mr. Hiester of Reading for his kind services in this matter.

*d*) That the Act of Incorporation be recorded by the Secretary, printed with the minutes and deposited among the Archives.

*e*) That the Secretary request the church-council of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation in Philadelphia, in writing, to receive the Act of Incorporation into their Archive for safe-keeping, in care of their Ministers.

*Report of the Fifth Committee.*

The fifth Committee would respectfully report as follows:

No. 13. Is a letter from the reverend Synod of Tennessee, containing a copy of a resolution in reference to a request by this body, that that Synod might unite with us, in sending delegates to the General Synod. Although our Brethren of the Tennessee Synod do not, for reasons they assign, respond to our call, they nevertheless express the most friendly feelings towards this body. Since, however, the meeting of the General Synod is passed, your Committee deem further action in this matter unnecessary.

No. 14. Is a letter from Rev. J. F. Wilken, Tennessee, in which, after having given his parochial report, he mentions a number of reasons, which would oblige him to resign his charge. He requests Synod to aid him, if possible, in securing a situation as Professor of Theology.

Your Committee does not feel authorized to agree to this request, and therefore lays the subject before Synod.

No. 15. Contains the minutes of the fourth Conference-district. They give evidence, of great zeal and faithfulness, on the part of the Brethren composing it. One point demands special notice, viz: the Conference were instructed by this body, at its last session, to bring the case of Mr. Barnitz to a final decision; it appears, however, that they were unable to do so, and therefore refer the subject back to Synod.

Your Committee would move that a special committee be appointed

to attend a meeting of this Conference, with instructions, to re-examine the matter, and determine what position Mr. Barnitz is hereafter to occupy in reference to this Synod.

No. 16. Contains two letters, one from Rev. C. M. Jæger, Wilmington, Del., enclosing his parochial and missionary reports, and the other from his church-council. He asks to be excused for non-attendance, on account of indisposition and requests further aid, for his congregation, from the Missionary treasury.

Your Committee would move, that the Rev. C. M. Jæger be supported another year.

No. 17. Is a letter from our venerable *Senior-Ministerii*, W. Bætis. Advanced age prevents him from attending our Synodical meetings. He has ceased to be actively engaged in the ministry, but assures us that he nevertheless continues to feel a deep interest in the welfare of our Synod, for the continuation of which he prays the Head of the church.

Your Committee would move, that Father Bætis be excused, and that this Synod fervently pray, that He, in whose service he has been engaged so long, may continue unto him His gracious presence and make the evening of his life serene and happy.

Respectfully,

C. F. SCHÆFFER,
J. VOGELBACH,
L. HEYDENREICH,
JOHN BÆR,
JOHN FRY.

This report was accepted, and it was

V. *Resolved* in reference to No. 13.—That it should be adopted.

No. 14.—That the President inform Br. Wilken, that it is the wish of this Synod, that he should remain at his post another year, and that, in case, he complies with this wish, aid shall be granted him from the Missionary treasury.

No. 15.—Deferred to the Ministerium.

No. 16.—That Br. Jæger be excused for absence, and that his request for aid be referred to the Missionary Committee.

No. 17.—Adopted.

*Report of the Second Committee.*

The second Committee report as follows:

No. 1. Is a letter from the Rev. Benj. Keller, in which he says, that whilst prosecuting his agency for the german Professorship, in Philadelphia, he met with a large number of Lutherans, who, in consequence of the great distance they reside from Lutheran churches, are obliged, either to absent themselves from public worship altogether, or attend the churches of other denominations, and also send their children to their Sunday-schools. He, therefore, deems it necessary, that this Synod appoint a Missionary for the city of Philadelphia, and declares his readiness to accept, as soon as his agency shall have been concluded, such appointment.

Your Committee is of opinion, that this subject should receive the consideration of this Synod.

No. 2. Is a letter from Mr. H. S. Huber, Secretary of the vestry of Christ church, Gettysburg, which belongs to our ecclesiastical institutions located near that place, in which he expresses a wish, that our Synod might contribute the sum of $500, in addition to what has already been contributed by other Synods towards the liquidation of a debt by which said church is still encumbered.

No. 3. Contains the minutes of the third Conference-district, convened in Kutztown, Berks county, October 18th and 19th, 1853.

This Conference resolved to inquire of the President, whether he did not know of a young man, capable of preaching in both languages, who might be sent as a Missionary to Tamaqua and vicinity; and in case such an individual could not be found, whether he would not give permission to Br. Rueter to occupy that post for the time being. It also appears from these minutes, that the Brethren composing this Conference are deeply interested in the welfare of the church, a fact which affords your Committee much pleasure.

No. 4. Is a letter from Rev. Strein, in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance, assigning sickness as the cause. He also encloses his parochial report, and $10 in money.

Your Committee would move that Br. Strein be excused.

S. TRUMBAUER,
JOSHUA JÆGER,
J. RŒLLER,
JOHN HESS,
SAMUEL LŒSHER.

This report was accepted, and it was

VI. *Resolved* in reference to No. 1.—That the Brother whom the corporation of the Ev. Luth. St. Michael's and Zion's church of Philadelphia, contemplate sending to Kensington as a Missionary, be instructed to use his endeavors towards establishing an independent congregation, with a distinct organization, church-council, &c., &c.; also

That a committee be appointed, who in connection with a similar committee from the corporation of the Ev. Luth. St. Michael's and Zion's church, shall repair to Frankford, for the purpose of bringing about a good understanding between the officers and members of the congregation in that place, re-organize the same, adopt measures to have it incorporated and arrange every thing agreeable to the principles of our church. This Committee consists of the officers of Synod, Dr. Demme and Rev. Mann.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer.

Rev. J. Z. Senderling preached in the evening from Acts 10: 38. "Who went about doing good."

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## THIRD SESSION.

*Tuesday Morning, 9 o'clock.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. G. A. Reichert.

A package of newspapers, edited by Mr. Fred. Schmidt, of Washington city, D. C., was presented to Synod and distributed among the members.

Dr. Demme of the committee on the Liturgy reported.

The Examination committee reported on papers and testimonials of applicants.

Their report was accepted.

The following Brethren were appointed on the Examination Committee: Rev. W. J. Mann, Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Rev. F. W. Geissenhainer, Rev. G. F. Krotel and Rev. L. Heydenreich.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Welden.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

*Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. E. Peixoto.

Prof. Springer, of Springfield, Ill., asked and obtained leave to address the Synod on the affairs of Springfield University. He depicted the distressed condition of this institution, and requested a loan of $3000 out of the fund collected for our German professorship.

VII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to examine and report on this request.

The President appointed on this committee: the Rev. Messrs. J. Medtart, F. W. Geissenhainer, Benj. Keller, the Lay-delegates C. Fell, F. Brendlinger, and H. H. Muhlenberg, M. D.

VIII. *Resolved*, That the same committee regard the communication of the Treasurer, relative to certain monies loaned out by him.

*Report of the Committee on the translation of Luther's Smaller Catechism.*

Dr. Schæffer reported that the work is finished and requested that it may be submitted to a committee for examination.

This Committee consists of the Rev. Messrs. Hoffman, Krotel, and Welden.

Rev. Mann reported that the "Explanation of Luther's Smaller Catechism," suggested by this Synod, had been published, and presented a copy of the same. He also read and handed in the contract entered into with the printer.

IX. *Resolved*, That the copyright be recorded.

X. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report on the above work.

This committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Welden and Krotel.

Rev. C. W. Schæffer gave notice that he is engaged in preparing an english translation, of the same, for the press.

Rev. Messrs. Hay, Heilig and Crist obtained leave of absence.

XI. *Resolved*, That we will endeavor to circulate the "Explanation of Luther's Smaller Catechism," published by Br. Mann, among the members of our respective congregations.

XII. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to send three copies of the same to each Lutheran Synod, with the request, to aid us in its circulation, and that this expense be defrayed out of the Synodical treasury.

*Report on the President's report.*

The Committee appointed to examine the President's report have the honor to move:

1. That we are under many obligations to the President for the faithful and satisfactory discharge of the duties of his office during the past year.

2. That the request of Rev. G. A. Reichert, to be continued a member of this body, be cheerfully complied with.

3. That we view, with sincere sorrow, the void that has been occasioned by the death of our esteemed brethren, Dr. J. W. Richards, and Rev. Th. Kleiss; that we cordially sympathize with their deeply afflicted families, whom we commend to the God of all consolation, and that our Secretary be directed to transmit to them a written copy of this resolution.

4. That we accept, with gratitude, the kind offer, to take charge of the archives of our Synod, extended to us by the respected corporation of the Ev. Luth. St. Michael's and Zion's congregation, in Philadelphia, and request our President to avail himself of their kindness.

5. That the suggestions of the President in reference to the holding of Conference-meetings at least once a year, and divine service in each of our congregations on every Lord's day, be adopted.

F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
E. PEIXOTO,
C. F. WELDEN,

No. 1 was unanimously adopted.

No. 2, unanimously adopted, and

XIII. *Resolved*, That as a mark of respect for the memory of our departed brethren, Dr. J. W. Richards, and Rev. Th. Kleiss, in token of our high regard for them, and expressive of our deep sense of the loss we have sustained in their removal, this Synod rise, for a few moments, from their seats.

Whereupon all rose up and stood, in silence.

No. 3, adopted.

No. 4, adopted.

No. 5, adopted, and

XIV. *Resolved*, That the report which has just been adopted, together with the President's communication, in reference to this subject, be communicated by the pastors to their church-councils and congregations.

*Report of the Sixth Committee.*

Your Committee has the honor to report as follows:

The papers received in charge concerned the Rev. E. Bergman.

The reverend Synod is acquainted with the fact, that, two years ago, Rev. E. Bergman obtained a grant of $200 from the Missionary treasury; but serious charges having been preferred against him, by a certain Rev. C. Braun, touching his orthodoxy, the Treasurer was directed to withhold last year's payment, until said charges should have been refuted. Your Committee has in hand a number of papers relative to this matter, viz:

No. 1. A letter from Rev. Bergman in which he complains that, both, the nature of the charges against him and the names of his accusers, have been withheld from him. He also writes in defence of his orthodoxy in a manner altogether satisfactory to your Committee, and

encloses a certificate of his moral character, signed by 12 men and judicially attested.

No. 2. Is a favorable testimonial from Rev. Stohlmann, of New-York, based partly on his personal acquaintance with him, and partly on testimony in his favor by Rev. Wendt.

No. 3. Are, judicially attested, very flattering testimonials concerning his ministerial career in Europe.

In view of all these circumstances your Committee would beg leave to propose the following resolutions:

*a*) That we regard the character of Br. Bergman as entirely vindicated.

*b*) That the Treasurer be directed to transmit to him the $100 already voted for his support.

*c*) That aid from the Missionary treasury be continued to him.

Respectfully, your Committee,

E. PEIXOTO,
G. F. KROTEL,
E. A. BAUER.

XV. *Resolved*, That the report of the committee be accepted and executed, as soon as the President shall have been made acquainted with the result of the investigation which has been instituted by the Texas Synod; but that, in case this does not take place, the whole subject relative to Rev. Mr. Bergman be referred to the Executive committee.

Rev. S. R. Boyer, having handed in his honorable dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod, was received as a member of this body.

The Committee appointed to examine the President's account, reported that they had attended to their duty and found all correct.

JOSHUA JÆGER,
E. A. BAUER,
CHR. J. FELL.

This report was adopted.

*Report of the Seventh Committee.*

Your Committee has the honor to report, that

1. Are letters and documents relative to the sale of our hymn-book, which your Committee think ought to be referred to the Standing committee on the hymn-book, as they are more competent to decide in the matter.

2. Contains a letter, inclosing some church-tunes by one of the teachers in the day-school of the Ev. Luth. St. Michael's and Zion's church, Philadelphia, in which he mentions, that he contemplates publishing a choral-book to be used in connection with our hymn-book. He also states the principles by which he is guided, and asks the encouragement of Synod, for the purpose of securing and facilitating its publication.

Your Committee begs leave to move that the Synod resolve:

*a*) That we are of opinion that circumstances require the publication of a new choral-book.

*b*) That we agree, in the main, with the principles laid down by the publisher.

c) That we have no doubt, that, if the work is published according to these principles, it will prove beneficial to our churches and schools.

Respectfully, your Committee,

W. J. MANN,
G. F. MILLER,
NATHAN JÆGER,
JACOB DEIBERT.

This report was accepted, and it was

XVI. *Resolved*, in reference to No. 1.—That the letters and documents in question be referred to the Standing Committee.

This Committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Reichert and Vogelbach.

XVII. *Resolved*, That Br. Mann, chairman of the committee on the Family-prayer-book, report, when the business of the Liturgy comes up.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Joshua Jæger.

This evening Synod held its annual Missionary meeting.

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## FIFTH SESSION.

*Wednesday*, 9 *o'clock*, *A. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Heydenreich.

Synod resolved itself into a Ministerial Session. (See minutes.)

*Report on our Minutes of last year.*

Your Committee to whom were committed the minutes of last year, for examination, have the honor to report as follows:

They would direct the attention of Synod to the following resolutions:

1. Page 41. Resolution No. 94 with its preamble relative to "fundamental rules and regulations for a fund, for the support of superannuated and disabled ministers."

2. Page 43. Resolution No. 108 relative to a Colporteur, who shall visit our congregations, and offer for sale to our families Ev. Lutheran books and tracts.

3. Same page. Resolution No. 109, which postpones the election of a German professor to the present session.

Respectfully,

E. A. BAUER,
J. C. SCHMIDT.

This report was adopted.

XVIII. *Resolved* in reference to No. 1.—That Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, E. Peixoto, G. A. Reichert, and L. Heydenreich constitute a committee to complete the plan for a "Mutual assistance fund, in the Evang. Luth. Synod of Pennsylvania," contained in an appendix to our last minutes, and report during the present session.

In reference to No. 2.—That the committee, who were instructed to find a suitable person who should act as colporteur in our Synodical-district, shall be required to draw up for him the necessary instructions.

This committee consists of the Rev. Messrs. Peixoto, Mann and Vogelbach.

No. 3.—That the subject in reference to the election of a German professor be referred to a committee with instructions to report to-morrow.

This committee consists of Rev. Messrs. Peixoto, H. S. Miller and Welden.

The committee appointed last year to make certain inquiries in reference to a legacy for Missionary purposes, left by Mr. Kuehnle, of Schuylkill county, deceased, report that in as much as this Synod was not incorporated, nothing could be done in the matter, though the money is safe.

XIX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take charge of this legacy.

This committee consists of the Brethren, Mennig and Ehrhard.

*Continuation of the Minutes on the report of the Second Committee.*

XX. *Resolved* in reference to No. 3.—*First*: That we call the attention of the third Conference to Tamaqua and all vacant congregations in their district.

*Secondly*: That the Executive committee supply Tamaqua with a minister as soon as possible.

No. 4.—That Brother Strein be excused for absence.

XXI. *Resolved*, That those Brethren, who absent themselves from the meetings of their Conferences, be required to hand in their excuses to the same.

XXII. *Resolved*, That we advise our congregations, hereafter in the erection of their churches, that they build them as Evangelical Lutheran churches.

Rev. Stein asked and obtained leave of absence.

Rev. Mr. Medtart reported on the request of Prof. Springer as follows:

The committee, appointed to report a proper investment of funds in hand belonging to the German professorship, respectfully report:

That eight acres and forty-eight perches of land, at Springfield, Illinois, worth $250 per acre, say $2000, and a building worth $8000, cost $10,000, on which a first mortgage is offered as security for a loan of $3000.

That the resources for the payment of interest are $25,000, invested in Scholarships, $6000 in cash, collected for support of Theological professorship, a yearly fund of $1500 or $1600 for tuition—probably, and an uncollected amount of subscriptions payable in installments, and therefore offer the following resolution:

*Resolved* at the suggestion of Prof. Springer, that it be recommended to the reverend Synod to loan $3000 of the German professorship fund to Springfield University, Illinois; in case a certificate is produced from the proper county court, that the property proposed to be mortgaged is unencumbered, and also a certified copy of the assessed valuation, and that responsible individuals become personally liable for the due and regular payment of interest every six months.

They also recommend that the building be insured, and the policy be transferred as collateral.

Your Committee,

J. MEDTART,
F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
B. KELLER,
C. FELL,
F. BRENDLINGER,
H. H. MUHLENBERG.

XXIII. *Resolved*, 1. That the Treasurer be instructed to act in accordance with these resolutions, in as much as we believe that in so doing, we at the same time advance, in the most effectual manner, the interests of our church in Illinois.

2. That the contract in question be printed with the minutes. (See Appendix B.)

*Report on the translation of Luther's Smaller Catechism.*

The Committee would respectfully report:

That they fully approve of the general order and plan of the work, and of the fidelity and accuracy of the translation; but as this is a work of great moment, which should therefore be thoroughly and faithfully examined, and that for such an examination the committee would not have sufficient time during the session of Synod, therefore

*Resolved*, That at the request of the translator, the manuscript be put in the hands of several brethren living in his vicinity, and that it be their duty accurately to examine the work in connection with the translator, and that when they have thus jointly finished the work, it be published.

Your Committee,

J. N. HOFFMAN,
C. F. WELDEN,
G. F. KROTEL.

This report was adopted.

This committee consists of the Rev. Messrs. C. F. Welden, A. T. Geissenhainer, and B. M. Schmucker.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That this committee, with the translator be authorized to append a number of hymns for the use of our Sunday-schools, in case the cost of the work is not thereby too much increased.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Bauer.

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## SIXTH SESSION.

*Wednesday*, 3½ *o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with singing and prayer.

*Report of the Committee on the German Professorship.*

The Committee appointed to bring before Synod the subject in regard to the election of a German professor, has the honor to report as follows:

We know, at present, of but *one* man in our church, in this country, whose nomination, we believe, would meet with universal approbation, and he is the Rev. W. J. Mann, of Philadelphia, whom we hereby propose to this Rev. Synod, with the joyful anticipation, that he will have a conscientious regard, in whatever action he may take in this matter, for the welfare of our church.

Your Committee,

E. PEIXOTO,
C. F. WELDEN,
H. S. MILLER.

XXV. *Resolved*, That the decision of this matter be postponed till 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

*Report on sundry papers.*

The Committee entrusted with certain papers, relative to the Hymn-book, have the honor to report as follows:

The first paper is from Mrs. Johanna Dor. Wollenweber, and contains a list of hymn-books sold, both of large and small size, by wholesale and retail. The number sold is 3897 copies, for which the Synod according to contract received $121 85½. She has on hand, bound and unbound, 3210 copies.

The second paper is from Mr. L. Wollenweber. He reports that he has only been able to dispose of a few copies of the hymn-books he has on hand, and that the per-centage on these is so small, it is not worth the while to pay it in. He asks Synod to be allowed to pay the per-centage on all outstanding books, except such as have been lost, and that he may be formally released from all duties as seller of the hymn-book.

Your Committee would move that the request of Mr. L. Wollenweber be granted.

Respectfully,

J. VOGELBACH,
G. A. REICHERT.

This report was accepted.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That Synod release Mr. L. Wollenweber, from all other per-centages.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized hereafter—to receive monies from Mrs. Wollenweber, for the hymn-book, in place of Rev. G. A. Reichert.

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That we hold to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, a Ministerial session, for the purpose of hearing the report of the Examination committee.

Dr. Demme occupied the remainder of the session with his report on the Liturgy.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Trumbauer.

Preaching in the evening by Cand. Crumbaugh.

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## SEVENTH SESSION.

*Thursday, 9½ o'clock, A. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. D. Maier.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

*Report of Committee on German Professorship.*

The Committee, who were entrusted with the execution of the resolution relative to the German professorship in Gettysburg, have the honor to submit to Synod the following report of their Agent:

Our Agent, the Rev. B. Keller, expects that the necessary amount ($15,000) will be collected by the end of the third year of his agency, that is, by the close of October next. We again bear testimony to the untiring zeal and faithfulness with which Br. Keller has prosecuted the work assigned him, and the church has reason to be grateful

to him for the services he has rendered. May the Lord abundantly reward him for his labors.

JOHN C. BAKER,
CHAS. F. SCHÆFFER,
C. F. WELDEN,
CHAS. A. HAY,
H. H. MUHLENBERG.

*Third Report of the Agent for the German Professorship.*

After giving thanks to God—for having graciously aided and protected me in the prosecution of my agency, during another Synodical year, I would report to the committee of Synod that I have been successfully prosecuting my agency without interruption. Your agent having been obliged to make his arrangements to suit the time and convenience of the brethren in their congregations, it was necessary for him oft-times to travel a considerable distance before he could accomplish his object, on which account more time was consumed in travelling about, than would otherwise have been required. Your agent commenced operations at the beginning of the Synodical year with gloomy prospects, and must confess that he approached many a district with fear and trembling; yet, though he had to contend in a number of congregations with difficulties, he has nevertheless with the assistance of the brethren, and the special favor and blessing of God, met with unexpected success.

His brethren in the ministry have every where received him kindly and entertained him hospitably, as have also members of the congregations generally, for which he feels very thankful.—Immediately after adjournment of Synod, your agent accompanied Br. Bauer to Carbon county, and commenced operations in his congregations. Here follow the names of minister and their respective congregations whom he visited during the Synodical year, together with the subscriptions and monies collected:

| | Subscribed. | Collected. |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. E. A. Bauer's congregations: | | |
| Lynntown church | $ 75 25 | $ 73 25 |
| St. John's " Mahoning | 70 90 | 56 00 |
| Weissport " | 91 00 | 48 00 |
| Pennsville " | 42 00 | 29 00 |
| St. Peter's " | 30 50 | 17 50 |
| West Penn " | 49 00 | 45 00 |
| East Penn " | 23 00 | 20 00 |
| Tamaqua " | 63 00 | 39 00 |
| Rev. G. A. Hinterleitner's congregations: | | |
| Kutztown | 95 50 | 86 50 |
| New Jerusalem church | 50 00 | 41 00 |
| Friedensburg | 49 50 | 49 50 |
| Oley | 26 50 | 24 00 |
| Rev. E. Peixoto's congregations: | | |
| Tohickon church | 110 00 | 91 00 |
| Indianfield church | 58 00 | 44 00 |
| Old Goschenhoppen | 146 00 | 128 50 |
| Rev. Wm. B. Kæmmerer's congregations: | | |
| Flatland church | $ 88 50 | $ 65 50 |

| | Subscribed. | Collected. |
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| **Rev. Wm. B. Kæmmerer's congregations:** | | |
| Williams Township | 87 25 | 61 75 |
| Zion's | 37 00 | 31 00 |
| Jerusalem's | 22 50 | 19 50 |
| Hilltown | 101 62½ | 85 62½ |
| Keller's | 36 00 | 23 00 |
| **Rev. C. P. Miller's congregations:** | | |
| Springfield church | 93 00 | 77 50 |
| Tinicum " | 231 75 | 185 75 |
| Durham " | 69 50 | 56 00 |
| Nockamixon " | 75 00 | 55 00 |
| **Rev. Wm. Rath's congregations:** | | |
| Moore township church | 80 25 | 65 25 |
| Stone " | 88 50 | 88 50 |
| Cherryville " | 118 00 | 108 50 |
| Towamensing " | 34 00 | 29 00 |
| **Rev. W. G. Mennig's congregations:** | | |
| Pottsville church | 100 50 | 72 50 |
| Schuylkill Haven | 56 00 | 38 50 |
| Minersville | 51 00 | 37 50 |
| **Formerly Rev. Walz's, now Rev. J. Ehrhard's congregation:** | | |
| Pottsville church | 99 00 | 87 50 |
| Schuylkill Haven | 78 00 | 55 50 |
| Port Carbon | 42 00 | 20 00 |
| **Rev. J. Bahl's congregations:** | | |
| Union church, Cattawissa Valley | 172 00 | 158 00 |
| Herger's " " | 29 50 | 13 00 |
| Briar Creek church " | 116 50 | 59 50 |
| Mifflinville " " | 117 00 | 71 00 |
| Nescopeck " " | 38 50 | 19 50 |
| Salem | 80 00 | 41 00 |
| **Rev. Wm. J. Eyer's congregations:** | | |
| Fisher's church | 35 00 | 31 50 |
| Mahoning " | 71 00 | 60 00 |
| Cattawissa | 204 50 | 58 00 |
| Roaring creek Valley | 7 00 | 7 00 |
| **Rev. C. Ries' congregations:** | | |
| Emanuel & New Ephrata church | 175 00 | 157 00 |
| Whiteoak " | 50 00 | 43 00 |
| Manheim " | 55 00 | 54 00 |
| Muddy creek " | 58 00 | 42 00 |
| **Rev. J. Clemens Miller's congregations:** | | |
| Zion's church | 159 50 | 128 50 |
| St. Peter's church | 100 00 | 95 00 |
| **Rev. J. Medtart's congregations:** | | |
| St. John's & St. Peter's church | 110 50 | 82 50 |
| **Rev. R. S. Wagner's congregations:** | | |
| St. John's (Gernant's) church | 85 50 | 75 50 |
| Elsass " | 58 00 | 58 00 |
| Gaugler's " | 10 00 | 7 00 |
| Allegheny " | 22 50 | 22 50 |
| Zion's " | 15 00 | 15 00 |
| Schwarzwald " | 31 50 | 31 50 |

| | Subscribed. | Collected. |
|---|---|---|
| Rev. G. F. Miller's congregation: | | |
| Limerick church | 62 00 | 62 00 |
| Rev. Wm. G. Laitzle's congregations: | | |
| Palmyra & Campbellstown | 109 50 | 76 50 |
| Union Deposit church | 105 00 | 63 50 |
| Schell's " | 85 50 | 78 50 |
| Bindnagel's " | 53 00 | 53 00 |
| Rev. Jul. Ehrhard's congregations: | | |
| Hetzel's church | 66 00 | 51 00 |
| Zion's " | 43 50 | 34 50 |
| Rev. A. Rueter's congregations: | | |
| Orwigsburg church | 85 50 | 44 00 |
| McKeansburg " | 23 50 | 18 50 |
| Friedensburg " | 41 00 | 41 00 |
| Little Schuylkill church | 47 50 | 42 50 |
| Cand. Scheide's congregation: | | |
| Sommerberg | 63 00 | 63 00 |
| Rev. G. F. Gærtner's congregations: | | |
| Manayunk | 40 50 | 40 50 |
| Frankford | 28 00 | 10 00 |
| Total | $5,233 62½ | $4,065 12½ |

Your agent has also obtained the following additional subscriptions and made the following additional collections, viz:

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|---|---|---|
| Dr. Demme's & Dr. Mayer's congregations in Philadelphia* | $316 90 | $525 07 |
| Rev. C. W. Schæffer's congregations, Germantown | 5 00 | 19 11 |
| Dr. J. W. Richard's congregation, Reading | 10 00 | 315 00 |
| Rev. G. A. Wenzel, U. M. Bethel | 8 50 | 20 50 |
| " L. M. " | 8 50 | 43 00 |
| Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Easton | | 18 00 |
| Rev. G. F. J. Jæger, Hamburg | | 27 00 |
| Dr. J. C. Baker, (now Krotel's) Lancaster | | 343 66 |
| Rev. G. F. Krotel | | 22 00 |
| " J. Strein, Columbia | | 5 00 |
| " C. F. Stœver, Shupp's congregation | | 8 00 |
| " H. S. Stecher, Hummelstown | | 2 50 |
| " J. Stein, Jonestown | | 36 00 |
| " L. G. Eggers, Tulpehocken | | 10 00 |
| " " Zion's church | | 5 00 |
| " J. Ehrhart, (formerly Walz's) Pottsville | | 11 50 |
| " " Schuylkill Haven | | 22 00 |
| — Vacant. Port Carbon | | 9 00 |
| Rev. C. Miller, Swamp | | 5 00 |
| Total | $340 40 | $1,580 34 |

* $210 of the above amount is the interest of a legacy designed for a High-School, and left in trust of the German Evang. Luth. St. Michael's and Zion's church, Philadelphia.

The following Brethren made the following collections in their respective congregations, of former subscriptions, and paid the same to me during the meeting of Synod in Rev. F. A. M. Keller's St. James church, Reading.

| | Collected. |
|---|---|
| Dr. C. F. Schæffer, Easton | $ 67 00 |
| Rev. Joshua Jæger, (now Vogelbach's) Allentown | 40 02 |
| " " Upper Saucon | 2 50 |
| " " Macungie | 28 50 |
| " " Christ church | 22 00 |
| Rev. C. F. Stœver, Dauphin | 40 00 |
| " W. Gerhardt, Elizabethtown | 5 00 |
| " W. Crist, Maytown | 3 00 |
| " T. T. Jæger, Meyerstown | 2 50 |
| " J. Stein, Jonestown | 3 00 |
| Dr. J. W. Richards, Trinity church, Reading | 50 00 |
| Rev. J. Schindel, Jordan's church | 9 00 |
| " " Union " | 5 00 |
| " " Ziegel " | 5 00 |
| " C. F. Welden, Dryland church | 24 50 |
| " Vogelbach, Upper Milford " | 7 50 |
| " " Apple's " | 2 00 |
| " T. T. Jæger, Bellerman's " | 15 00 |
| " " North Heidelberg church | 2 50 |
| " " New Bern " | 15 00 |
| " J. Kohler, New Holland | 182 00 |
| " S. Trumbauer, Reamstown church | 5 00 |
| " " Bergstrass " | 7 50 |
| " " Mechanicsburg church | 10 00 |
| " E. A. Bauer, Lynntown " | 2 00 |
| " " St. John's church, Mahoning township. | 14 00 |
| " A. Fuchs, Bath church | 2 50 |
| " " Emanuel's church | 5 00 |
| " E. A. Bauer, Weissport church | 29 00 |
| " " Pennsville " | 12 00 |
| " " St. Peter's " | 13 00 |
| " " West Penn " | 2 00 |
| " " East Penn " | 1 00 |
| " G. Hinterleitner, New Jerusalem church | 1 00 |
| " " Oley church | 2 50 |
| " E. Peixoto, Tohickon " | 12 00 |
| " " Old Goschenhoppen church | 12 50 |
| " " Indianfield | 11 50 |
| " W. B. Kæmmerer, Flatland church | 19 00 |
| " " Zion's " | 5 00 |
| " " Williams township church | 12 50 |
| " " Jerusalem church | 2 00 |
| " " Hilltown | 11 50 |
| " " Keller's | 10 00 |
| " C. P. Miller, Springfield church | 13 50 |
| " " Tinicum " | 43 50 |
| " " Durham " | 8 50 |

| | Collected. |
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| Rev. C. P. Miller, Nockamixon church | $12 50 |
| " Wm. Rath, Moore township church | 5 00 |
| " " Cherryville " | 10 00 |
| " W. G. Mennig, Pottsville church | 28 00 |
| " " Schuylkill Haven church | 18 50 |
| " " Minersville church | 18 50 |
| " F. Walz, (now Rev. Ehrhard's) Schuylkill Haven | 1 50 |
| " " " Port Carbon | 12 00 |
| " J. Bahl, Union church, Cattawissa Valley | 14 00 |
| " " Herger's " | 10 00 |
| " " Briar creek church | 52 00 |
| " " Mifflinville " | 39 50 |
| " " Nescopeck " | 26 00 |
| " " Salem's " | 29 00 |
| " W. J. Eyer, Mahoning church | 1 00 |
| " " Cattawissa " | 93 50 |
| " C. Rees, Emanuel's and New Ephrata church | 6 00 |
| " " Whiteoak church | 7 00 |
| " " Muddy creek church | 3 00 |
| " J. C. Miller, Zion's church | 25 50 |
| " " St. Peter's church | 15 00 |
| " J. Medtart, St. John's and St. Peter's church | 27 00 |
| " R. S. Wagner, St. John's (Gernant's) church | 10 00 |
| " " Gaugler's church | 3 00 |
| " W. Laitzle, Palmyra and Campbellstown church | 32 00 |
| " " Union Deposit church | 33 50 |
| " " Shell's church | 7 00 |
| " J. Ehrhard, Hetzel's church | 7 50 |
| " " Zion's church | 8 00 |
| " A. Rueter, Orwigsburg | 3 50 |
| " " Little Schuylkill | 5 00 |
| Rev. I. Rœller collected by himself, as follows: | |
| " " Mossilom church | 104 00 |
| " " Mertz's " | 106 50 |
| " " Coxtown " | 74 75 |
| " " St. Paul's church, Long Swamp | 70 87½ |
| " " Hereford " | 62 75 |
| " " Maxatawny " | 51 00 |
| " " Jerusalem " | 45 25 |
| " " St. James " | 61 15½ |
| Total | $1,954 80 |

An abstract of the whole account presents the following result:

| | Subscribed. | Collected. |
|---|---|---|
| New subscriptions and collections | $5,232 62½ | $4,065 12½ |
| Additional subscriptions and collections | 340 00 | 1,518 34 |
| Rec'd from the Brethren during session of Synod | | 1954 80 |
| Sum total subscribed and collected up to Synodical session in Reading | 10,941 33 | 8,545 37 |
| Total | $16,514 95½ | $16,083 63½ |

Paid to the Treasurer, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, from April 5th, 1853, as follows:

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| May 31st, 1853 . . . . . | $1,140 00 |
| July 6th, 1853 . . . . . | 450 00 |
| August 26th, 1853 . . . . . | 700 00 |
| October 31st, 1853 . . . . . | 800 00 |
| December 22d, 1853 . . . . . | 900 00 |
| February 10th, 1854 . . . . . | 400 00 |
| May 6th, 1854 . . . . . | 825 00 |
| During the session of Synod, June 15th, 1854 . . . . . | 2,000 00 |
| Paid the Treasurer up to April 5th, 1853 . . . . . | 8,317 00 |
| Total . . . | $15,532 00 |

From the above account it appears, that a considerable sum is still to be collected, in order to secure the German professorship, and as the undersigned is very desirous of closing his agency with the month of October next, he begs those brethren, whose congregations he has not yet visited, to inform him publicly, before Synod, in which and how many of them he may meet with success.

B. KELLER, Agent.

This report was accepted.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That our sincere thanks are due to our beloved brother, the Rev. B. Keller, for the faithful prosecution of this work.

XXX. *Resolved*, That the committee be authorized to examine the Agent's account, as soon as he shall have finished his work, and cause to be printed, together with their statement, a full report of his labors.

*Report on certain complaints against the Rev. C. F. Stœver.*

The Committee appointed to investigate certain complaints against the Rev. C. F. Stœver, are of opinion, that as the necessary evidence is wanting, it would not be advisable for Synod to take action in the matter, and therefore move that the subject be referred to the fifth Conference, with instructions to examine and decide upon the complaints preferred.

The Committee further believes, that Rev. Stœver should come to a speedy determination, whether he will retain under his charge, the congregations belonging to this, or those, belonging to the West Pennsylvania Synod, and that he be requested to conform to the requirements of our constitution.

Respectfully, your Committee,

S. K. BROBST,
JOSHUA JÆGER,
C. F. WELDEN.

This report was adopted.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the sixth session, the report of the committee on the German professorship came up for discussion, and was unanimously adopted.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our congregations, the Lutheran Herold, Jugend Freund and Missions-Blætter, as long as

they labor for the interests of our Evang. Luth. Zion with a purely Lutheran mind and spirit.

Dr. Demme resumed his report on the Liturgy.

The Rev. Messrs. Trumbauer, Peixoto, Joshua Jæger and Walz, with their Delegates, asked and obtained leave of absence.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Ehrhard.

## EIGHTH SESSION.

*Thursday*, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with singing and prayer.

XXXII. *Resolved*, That our german Catechism be printed with the same alterations, which are found in the improved english edition, by Rev. Dr. Schæffer, so that the only difference existing between the two be in the language.

The report on the Liturgy was resumed, concluded and adopted.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That the committee have the Liturgy printed as reported.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the new Liturgy be somewhat larger in size than the old one, the type no smaller, and the paper as good.

XXXV. *Resolved*, That the sum of money, which, at our meeting in Allentown, was set apart for the printing of the Liturgy, be placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Dr. Demme expressed a wish to be discharged from the Liturgical committee.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That the request of Dr. Demme be not granted, but that he be requested to continue on this committee. He is, however, excused from taking any active part in its publication.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed who shall adopt measures to have the Liturgy translated into english.

This committee consists of Dr. Schæffer, Rev. C. W. Schæffer, Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Rev. C. F. Welden, Rev. G. F. Krotel, and Rev. B. M. Schmucker.

### *Report on the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg.*

The undersigned, who were appointed by this Synod to serve as Directors of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg report:

That they attended the semi-annual meeting of the Board last autumn, and participated in the proceedings of said body. They were much gratified with the mode in which they were received, and trust that the union of this body with the General Synod will prove to be an advantage to our institutions in Gettysburg.

It will not be necessary to enlarge on the importance of sustaining these institutions with vigor and perseverence. Their wants are very urgent and claim the serious attention of this body. It is of the utmost consequence that this Synod should provide educational funds, in order that suitable young men, whose pecuniary means are limited, may be enabled to pursue their studies in Gettysburg. It was resolved at the meeting which we attended, that our Synods should be respectfully requested to make a small appropriation for the purpose of purchasing books for the Theological Seminary. It would tend to secure

the regular attendance of the Directors from this body at the meetings of the Board, if means were furnished for defraying their traveling expenses in part at least.

CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER,
CHARLES A. HAY.

This report was accepted, and it was

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That our Synod pay during the current year, the sum of $20 for the purchase of german theological books, for the Theological Seminary in Gettysburg.

*Report of the Delegates to the General Synod.*

The undersigned, who were appointed by this Synod its delegates to the late meeting of the General Synod in Winchester, Va., respectfully report:

That they attended said meeting, and were received with the utmost kindness and good will, they were admitted as members at an early stage of the proceedings and their appearance was regarded as an auspicious omen of a future union of all the Synods of our church in the United States.

It is not necessary that your delegates should refer in detail to the proceedings of the General Synod, as these have been published and extensively circulated. They are convinced that the measures adopted, as they were discussed in a spirit of love and with a view to the advancement of the interests of the church, will, with the divine blessing, produce the happiest results. They trust that the union of this body with the General Synod will not only be maintained, but lead to distinguished advantages in which the church at large will share.

Certain subjects, such as the Church-Manual; the Church Extension Society; Annual Reformation sermons, &c., your delegates are prepared to explain verbally.

JOHN C. BAKER,
CHARLES F. SCHÆFFER,
W. J. MANN,
C. W. SCHÆFFER,
CHARLES A. HAY,
F. W. GEISSENHAINER.

This report was adopted.

*Report of the Delegate of the Rev. Synod of New-York.*

The Secretary reports that he attended the late meeting of the Synod of New-York, and was received by the Brethren in a very kind and cordial manner.

The minutes of this Synod have been received.

Accepted.

Rev. Mann reported on the Family-Prayer-Book.

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That Brother Mann finish the Family-Prayer-Book according to the proof read before this body, and that the Liturgy committee have it printed, when finished.

Rev. Mr. Ziegler addressed the Synod in behalf of the society for the support and education of young men for the ministry.

XL. *Resolved*, 1st, That an Executive committee be appointed, in reference to this society, whose duty it shall be, to take charge of all

monies, which may be contributed towards the support of indigent students; and 2d, examine and decide upon all applications for aid, befriend beneficiaries with their advice, and endeavor that faithful, worthy and competent men be educated for the ministry.

This Committee is composed of the present Missionary committee.

XLI. *Resolved*, That we recommend it to the members of this body to preach on this subject before their respective congregations, and wherever advisable, hold collections.

Adjourned.

Brother Mann preached in the evening from Luke 5 : 10.

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## NINTH SESSION.

*Friday*, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

Prayer by Rev. Vogelbach.

On motion of Dr. Schæffer, it was

XLII. *Resolved*, That we cordially concur in the proposition of the General Synod: to raise a permanent fund of $50,000 to aid in the erection of houses of worship.

That, as the success of this great enterprise, under the great Head of the Church, will depend mainly upon the intelligent and thorough co-operation of pastors, it be earnestly recommended to every pastor within our bounds to present this subject in all its magnitude and importance, on some Sunday, most convenient, and take up a collection, or make a subscription in aid of its funds.

*Report of the Committee on certain papers from Rev. Mr. Braun, from Texas.*

The Committee to whom have been handed, for examination, the papers of Rev. Braun, have the honor to report:

Rev. Braun asks permission from this Rev. Synod to visit the congregations within its bounds, for the purpose of collecting money to liquidate a debt resting upon the church in Houston. The distressed condition of this congregation is attested in a recommendatory letter from the Rev. James Burke, Sunday-School agent, in Houston.

Your Committee would move that Brother Braun be permitted to address the Brethren on the subject, with the view of obtaining invitations from such congregations where he may best gain his object.

Respectfully, the Committee,

E. A. BAUER,
A. FUCHS,
L. W. HEYDENREICH.

This report was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the business of a Colporteur for the sale and circulation of Lutheran publications, have the honor to propose the following resolutions:

1. That a committee of three be appointed to employ a suitable person for this purpose.

2. That the Colporteur, thus employed, be guided by the advice of the pastors in whose congregations he may prosecute his work, and

that the pastors, in turn, be requested to lend him all necessary assistance.

3. That he circulate no other, except such books, as may be approved of by the committee. Respectfully,

E. PEIXOTO,
W. J. MANN,
J. VOGELBACH.

This report was adopted.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. Brobst, Joshua Jæger, Vogelbach, and Schmucker.

Rev. J. A. Brown, Delegate from the East Pennsylvania Synod, laid before Synod a plan for the organization of a "Lutheran Translation and Publication Society."

XLIII. *Resolved*, That our Delegates to the General Synod be instructed to bring this subject before that body, with the expressed wish, that by Lutheran works, we understand such as breathe a purely Lutheran spirit, and that such only be translated and circulated.

XLIV. *Resolved*, That Synod express its deep sense of obligation to Mr. Tucker, President of the Reading Rail-Road Co., for the valuable favor he has conferred upon Synod, in granting the brethren free tickets upon said road in going to and returning from Reading,

XLV. *Resolved*, That the Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to Mr. Tucker.

XLVI. *Resolved*, That our sincere thanks are due to Rev. F. A. M. Keller, for his considerate and judicious efforts in procuring such free tickets, and for the admirable arrangements he has made for the accommodation of Synod and the comfort of the brethren.

Rev. Mr. Heydenreich now read a "statute plan for a fund in aid of the widows, orphans and emerite ministers of the Augsburg Confession in Pennsylvania."

XLVII. *Resolved*, That this statute plan, &c., be printed with the minutes. (See Appendix C).

The report on the minutes of other Synods was read by Rev. Mr. Medtart, and was accepted. The following Synods have favored us with copies of their minutes, viz:

1) The Synod of New-York; numbers 53 members.
2) " " West Pennsylvania; numbers 44 members.
3) " " South Carolina; " 39 "
4) " " Virginia; " 24 "
5) The English Luth. Synod of Ohio; " 18 "
6) The Frankian Synod.
7) The Western District Synod of Ohio.
8) The East Pennsylvania Synod; numbers 30 members.
9) Wittenberg Synod; " 22 "
10) The Miami Synod; " 27 "
11) General Synod.
12) The Hartwick Synod.
13) The Synod of South West.
14) The Evang. Luth. Synod of East India.

We rejoice, that our Brethren have organized a Synod in that distant heathen country, and hope, that this step will exert a beneficial influence on the church in East India.

15) The German Reformed Synod.—This Synod expresses a wish that the fraternal relations between the two Synods, and the interchange of Delegates may be continued. They have therefore appointed Delegates, to attend our present meeting.

16) The Synod of Maryland; numbers 40 members.

XLVIII. *Resolved*, That two copies of our minutes be sent to each Evang. Luth. Synod in the United States.

XLIX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, who shall report at the next annual meeting by-laws, rules or regulations for conducting the business of this body, supplementary to those contained in Chap. 9 of the constitution of this body.

Committee: the officers of Synod and Dr. Schæffer.

L. *Resolved*, That the Synod warmly recommend, to the support of the congregations in their bounds the Lutheran Orphan-house in Zelienople, and request ministers, wherever necessary, to publish this resolution in their congregations.

Rev. Dr. Demme, Delegate to the Rev. Synod of Ohio, reports, that he attended their late meeting and met with a very cordial reception.

Rev. Messrs. Reichert and Mann, Delegates to the German Reformed Synod, reported, that they had been kindly received and attended their meetings with interest.

Rev. Dr. Baker, Delegate to the East Pennsylvania Synod, reported, that he met with a very fraternal reception, and felt a lively interest in their proceedings.

LI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to correspond with the Trustees of Christ church in Gettysburg, in reference to the conditions under which we may take part in liquidating the debt on said church.

The Committee to whom was committed the Translation of Luther's Smaller Catechism, published by this Synod, have the honor to report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the work as completed proves fully as satisfactory to Synod, as did the extracts read on a former occasion, and is distinguished for richness of thought and clearness of expression.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend the same to our ministers and people.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Synod be tendered to the committee for the industry displayed by them in the accomplishment of this important work.

Respectfully, your Committee,

G. F. KROTEL,
C. F. WELDEN.

This report was accepted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Popp.

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## TENTH SESSION.

*Friday*, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. C. W. Schæffer.

LII. *Resolved*, 1st, That none of the brethren, who attended the General Synod at its last session, shall be elected as Delegates this

year, and 2d, that no brother shall be elected a Delegate to that body twice in succession.

*Report of the Eighth Committee.*

The Committee appointed to examine certain papers from Rev. Mr. Esbjorn, report, that this paper contains an application for aid for Mr. G. P. Peterson, who labors with great self-denial and with the blessing of God among the Swedish Lutherans in the city of New-York. Your Committee rejoices at the christian activity of Br. Peterson and moves, that the President take this request into consideration, and aid this good cause as his judgement may direct.

S. K. BROBST,
B. M. SCHMUCKER,
G. W. OAKLEY.

This report was accepted.

The following preamble and resolutions were introduced by Rev. S. K. Brobst:

*Whereas*, In many Free-schools of this state, where children of our church, baptized members of our congregations, lambs of our flock, receive instruction, teachers are employed who oppose our church, and

*Whereas*, Even in those Free-schools, where believing and pious teachers are employed, no religious instruction is generally imparted, and

*Whereas*, According to the letter of the constitution, neither the (Laity) *Bible*, nor the *Lutheran Catechism*, the best compendium, except the Bible, of Religion, for our youth, can be introduced or regularly used, and

*Whereas*, In consequence of this sad condition of things, many of our children come either in part or wholly unprepared to catechetical instruction, in consequence of which ministers find it difficult to accomplish much with many candidates for confirmation, therefore

1. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed who shall, in the name of this Synod, draw up and address a circular letter to the church-councils of all the congregations in our connection; and that the church-councils be requested to have said letter read to their congregations and taken into consideration by them.

2. That the following points be clearly and distinctly set forth in the same:

*a*) How dangerous and soul-destroying it is for children to be brought under the influence of unbelieving teachers.

*b*) How profitless, education without religion, an enlightened mind, without the improvement of the heart.

*c*) How necessary it is, that the youth of our church should be right early instructed in her doctrines and grounded in her holy faith, as a safe-guard against the influence, both, of unbelievers and fanatics.

*d*) How important it is, that no other books should be introduced into our Sunday-schools, except such as agree with the doctrines of the Lutheran church.

*e*) How important it is, that all admitted to the church by the rite of confirmation should fully comprehend what they commit from the Bible and Catechism, and that children who speak no other than the german language, should also be taught to read it, prior to their being sent to catechetical instruction.

*f*) How, as Luther says, the eternal destiny of parents will be influenced by the manner in which they bring up their children.

These resolutions were adopted, and a committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. S. K. Brobst, J. Vogelbach and B. M. Schmucker, appointed to address a letter of this kind to the ministers and church-councils of our congregations.

LIII. *Resolved*, That the committee appointed last year to draft a constitution and charter for our congregations, and lay the same before Synod, be continued. This committee consists of the Rev. Messrs. F. W. Geissenhainer, E. Peixoto and F. A. M. Keller, appointed in place of our deceased brother, the Rev. Dr. Richards.

LIV. *Resolved*, That Rev. Mr. Brobst be authorized to publish a church-almanac for the year of our Lord 1855, under the supervision of Synod.

Delegates to corresponding Synods were now chosen.

To the Synod of New-York: Rev. Dr. Demme—Alternate, Rev. Dr. Schæffer.

To the West Pennsylvania Synod: Rev. J. H. Menges—Alternate, Rev. G. F. Krotel.

To the Synod of Maryland: Rev. H. S. Miller.

" " East Pennsylvania: Rev. S. R. Boyer.

To the German Reformed Synod: Rev. Messrs. C. A. Hay and D. Maier.

An election now took place for Delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, which resulted in the choice of the following Brethren, viz:

*Primarii*: Rev. Messrs. H. S. Miller, G. A. Wenzel, G. F. Krotel, A. T. Geissenhainer, F. A. M. Keller, J. Vogelbach, and C. F. Welden; and the Lay-brethren G. W. Oakly, Jacob Fry, John Bær, Horatio Trexler, Jacob Erdman, C. F. Ashmead, and Christian Fell.

*Secundarii*: Rev. Messrs. G. F. Miller, J. Kohler, G. A. Reichert, S. R. Boyer, B. M. Schmucker, E. Peixoto, and J. N. Hoffman.

The President appointed the following Brethren an Examining committee: Rev. Messrs. W. J. Mann, C. F. Schæffer, D. D., F. W. Geissenhainer, E. Peixoto, and L. W. Heydenreich.

LV. *Resolved*, That the usual number of minutes be printed.

Friendly invitations were extended to this Synod by the congregations in Harrisburg, and Trinity church, Lancaster, to hold its next annual meeting in their midst.

LVI. *Resolved*, That Harrisburg be the place and Trinity-Sunday the time of our next annual meeting.

LVII. *Resolved*, That we tender our sincere thanks to Trinity congregation, in Lancaster, for their kind invitation, and that it shall meet with a favorable consideration on the year following.

Synod now adjourned.

## II. MISSIONARY BUSINESS.

Tuesday evening, June 13th, the members of Synod and a large assemblage of people met in St. James church for the purpose of holding their annual Missionary celebration.

The meeting was opened with singing. Prayer was then offered up by Rev. Mr. Held of New-York; whereupon the Rev. Dr. Baker, President of Synod, read the report of the Executive committee, in the german language, as follows:

### REPORT
OF THE
### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA,

Read at the annual meeting of the Society, held at Reading, June 13th, 1854.

#### Foreign Mission.

All the members of the missionary-family, not alone at Guntoor, but likewise at Rajahmundry and in the Palnaud district, it hath pleased God mercifully to spare alive, during the past year, notwithstanding the heat was more than usually oppressive, causing more than ordinary sickness among the population generally.

Upon the Sabbath-days, and during the week, the missionaries preach in the places where they respectively reside, and in adjacent places, and converse with the people on the subject of Christianity as frequently as opportunity affords. They likewise distribute translated books of the Sacred Scriptures, and religious tracts, among the people. Upon the rising generation they seek to exert an influence by the establishment of schools, in which instruction is imparted, not alone in the ordinary branches of education, but likewise on the great subject of the Christian religion. Formerly it was their custom to employ heathen as teachers in these schools, as the hope was indulged, that the reading of the Sacred Scriptures by the heathen themselves, under the Divine blessing, would bring them to acknowledge and acceptance of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This expectation, however, has not been realized, and now only those are employed as teachers in the schools, who have themselves embraced Christianity and are members of the church. Schools are established not alone for boys, but likewise for girls, which latter was a thing wholly unknown in East India, prior to the introduction of Christianity. For several years past a girl's school has been in existence at Guntoor, under the superintendance of the wife of missionary Snyder. The pupils are taught to sew, knit, &c., and seem to take delight in these exercises. More than ordinary industry is applied, to accustom the pupils to cleanliness of habit in regard to dress and person. For the attainment of this end, much patience and perseverance are required. The pupils, although not designedly insubordinate, are nevertheless exceedingly inconsiderate and thoughtless. Nevertheless, viewed in the main, they afford palpable indications of promise, and in comparison with children of similar age in the United States would not prove much their inferior. The instruction consists in reading in the Telugu language, Writing, Luther's Catechism, Geography, and some English. The first class commit two verses of Scripture to memory, daily, which

they rehearse on each Saturday evening, when they are catechized in regard to their meaning.

The missionaries have, likewise, founded an institution at Guntoor, in which they prepare young persons for the offices of teachers and catechists. The number of pupils in this departement comprises *Seven*—promising lads, who are a source of heart-felt delight to the missionaries. Four of these scholars are natives of the Palnaud district, and are hence 70 miles distant from their homes. The other three are from Guntoor. Five are instructed in English—one visits the school in which both the English and Telugu are taught—and the seventh spends a portion of his time as Assistant-Teacher in a Telugu school. The missionaries express the hope, that their Christian brethren in the United States would frequently remember these young native Christians in their prayers, and that the dear children in the Lutheran Sabbath-Schools would liberally contribute to their maintanance. If the means are provided, their number could be gradually increased.

During the vacations of the hot seasons the teachers sometimes go journeying, and labor for the spread of the Gospel. Thus the teacher Stephan and his wife Rabena employed the school-vacation of last year, to pay a visit to their relatives. They undertook, therefore, a journey to Bodilidu, ninety miles west of Guntoor, where they had spent the season of youth and childhood. These two persons came about nine years ago to Guntoor, where the joyful message of the Gospel was first made known to them. Stephan was baptized in 1847, and Rabena in 1848. After a seperation of nine years, it would be supposed, they would be greeted by their relatives at Bodilidu with a cordial welcome. But this does not appear to have been the case, at least not with all. Some of their relatives manifested much displeasure, that they had renounced the idols worshipped by their fathers and had embraced Christianity. Others, however, displayed a better understanding, and did not censure Stephan and Rebena on account of the change. After the lapse of several days, relations of mutual kindness had been re-established—and before Stephan and his wife took leave, they had won so largely upon the confidence and love of all their former associates, that they even testified a willingness to send their children along to Guntoor, to be educated by the missionaries, provided they would be received and the expense defrayed.

During the journey this teacher visited different towns in the Palnaud,—in whicn no Christian congregations had as yet been founded. One Sabbath he spent at Veldurty, where he and his wife were received by the heathen converts with much christian kindness. They went, likewise, to Polipally, Kolacotta, Adupopala, and Gurgal. One topic, upon which on this occasion they held an interesting conference, was, that the Christian families in the Palnaud, by inter-marriage with the Christians at Guntoor should enter into closer and more intimate relations. These persons perceive very clearly, that the inter-marriage of Christians with the heathen is not in conformity with the genius and spirit of the Gospel. Should they, however, have the disposition, and receive from their teachers the permission, to contract matrimonial-alliances with the heathen, the heathen themseles would not consent—for in these matters they follow the customs of their particular Casts and Sects, with great strictness, and cannot be persuaded to consent to

give their children in marriage to Christians—except in cases in which the heathen parents have themselves, in some degree, come to the knowledge of the truth, and express the wish to see their children converted to Christianity. Under such circumstances the union can take place, with the understanding, that the heathen bride or bridegroom (as the case may be) shall receive religious instruction, and be received into the church through baptism, so soon as the missionaries shall be satisfied that a change of mind and heart has taken place.

On the first Lord's day evening, after the return of Stephan, a letter was received, written by the Christians in the Palnaud to the Missionary Church at Guntoor. It was read and a committee appointed to answer it. In this correspondence, they mutually exhort, to bring up the children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to pray for one another, and sedulously to guard against heathenish and idolatrous practises. In the early history of the church, correspondences of this character were, doubtless, of frequent occurrence. The missionaries feel warranted in cherishing the pleasing assurance, that the visit of Stephan and his wife to his kinsmen, and to the small congregations in the Palnaud, has proved a blessing,—and has in some degree promoted the missionary work.

In order to afford to the friends of missions a representation of the missionary-work at Guntoor, we subjoin an extract from the report of the brethren Heyer and Snyder, dated July 3d, 1853. They write as follows:—"Upon every Lord's day the little congregation at Guntoor assembles regularly, for the public worship of God, in the Telugu language, in the morning at 7, and in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, occasionally, too, they have evening service. Every Thursday evening we have a Telugu revival-meeting, and on the first Monday evening in each month a Telugu prayer-meeting. On Saturday evening the church members have a prayer-meeting of their own, in which the missionaries do not often participate. Different persons make earnest request for the sacrament of baptism. In many instances, however, it is not easy to decide, whether the applicants are true penitents, and seek to be admitted into the flock of the good Shepherd from a sincere concern for the salvation of their souls, or whether they are influenced by unworthy motives." The missionaries acknowledge that their work is characterized by many deficiencies and imperfections. Nevertheless, they do not feel at liberty to "despise the day of small things." They supplicate the great Head of the Church, that the time may soon come, when the power of His gracious Love, in the conviction and conversion of many benighted heathen, may be savingly and signally displayed.

In a letter written to brother G. A. Reichert, dated at Guntoor, February 4th, 1854, brother Heyer writes: "If it shall please God to spare you life and health, so as to enable you to attend the next session of the Pennsylvania Synod, present my kind greetings to all the dear brethren. This venerable Lutheran Mother-Synod commenced in the year 1841 a momentous work in regard to heathen-missions. The Lord hath not left Himself without a witness, either, but has graciously owned the work. We now pray the Lord of the harvest, to send more laborers into the harvest. Greatly would it rejoice my soul, should the Synod conclude hereafter to support *two* missionaries, instead of

only one. With me the night is approaching. I do not expect to continue long in India, but sincerely wish, that Synod may continue to prosecute and extend the work. Should I consider it expedient, and so determine, to continue in India longer than another year, I submit to the Honorable Synod the proposition, to pay one hundred dollars of my salary to a second missionary, to be appointed by Synod. In case, it is the pleasure of Synod to send a young active, unmarried brother, he could commence with 500 dollars salary, and Synod would only be obliged to raise an additional sum of 400 dollars. "*The harvest is plenty, the laborers are few.*"

After reading this report, Rev. J. Vogelbach addressed the meeting in the german language, on the subject of the missionary work among the heathen.

Hereupon the second part of the report was read by Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Secretary of the Ministerium, in the english language:

### Domestic Mission.

The brethren who in the course of the past year have been in the service of the Society, are: Rev. Chas. M. Jæger, pastor of the German Ev. Luth. church at Wilmington (Del.); Rev. Christian Popp, pastor of the German Ev. Luth. St. Paul's church at Birmingham, Allegheny county (Pa.); Candidate George F. Gærtner, pastor of the German Ev. Luth. churches at Manayunk and Frankford; Rev. A. G. Georgii, pastor of the German Ev. Luth. churches at Camden, Lamberton, and New Germany (N. J.); and Candidate Frederick O. Merbitz, pastor of the German Ev. Luth. church at Nauvoo, Hancock county (Illinois).

Brother C. M. Jæger has sent in the following report: "That here, likewise, as this is the case every where else, the sacred cause of God here and there, is confronted by the spirit of the world, superinducing coldness and indifference towards religion and her blessed institutions, to this I have, in former reports, directed attention. At the same time, it affords me pleasure to award to this congregation in general the honorable testimony, and I speak it to the delight of my heart, that a sacred love of the church is more and more proceeding to a beautiful development. The public exercises, held as heretofore, in the same hall, are numerously attended. The hall is often so crowded, that for the male portion of the auditory there has occasionally been an insufficiency of room. What seriously hinders, however, the progress of the congregation, is the circumstance, that there are among the church-members a number of unmarried persons, whose relations in life unavoidably produce frequent changes of residence. Since the rendition of my last report the number of communicants has hence been often reduced, by removals. Their vacancies, however, have generally again been supplied, by new accessions, warranting the confident expectation of a gradual increase, at a day, not far distant. During the past year, I have preached on each Lord's day morning and evening. In regard to my other official acts, I report as follows: Infant Baptisms 8, Confirmed 1, Marriages 6 couple, Funerals 1, administered the Lord's Supper to 41 persons. During the last few months, I have established, likewise, a German school, in which there are at present 11 pupils, mostly under 7 years. I beg leave to reiterate, that *an own* House of Worship would exercise a most beneficial influence upon the pros-

perity of the congregation. This pleasing hope, however, can scarcely be cherished, in view of the limited number of Germans, here located. The prospect in the future appears to be encouraging, and would seem to justify the hope, that if the Hon. Synod will graciously continue their present support, the time may be not far distant, when it may no longer be required. With the self-denying example of Jesus in view, I will, at least, do all that lies in my power to promote the growth and increase of the congregation. May it please God to prosper these endeavors!"

The following report has been transmitted by Brother Popp: "The past year may justly be characterized as one in many respects of exceeding favor for the Evang. Luth. congregation of St. Paul's, at Birmingham. In many seasons of need and trial, hath the Lord's help been graciously extended. By the Divine assistance alone, it becomes us gratefully to acknowledge, could we have been enabled to overcome so many obstacles, threatening alike to her being and well-being. First of all, it is to be remarked, with gratitude, that from the fatal consequences of the great Conflagration of March 26th last, which in a few hours reduced a large portion of the town of Birmingham to ashes, plunging several hundred German families into the most abject poverty, the congregation, by the kindness of God, were spared from losses. $625 debt had to be paid during the past year. The creditors were exceedingly importunate, and instituted judicial proceedings for the collection of their claims. The most inexorable among them was the former pastor, Neuffer, who since addresses meetings of *Free Thinkers* at Pittsburg, and is a zealous enemy of Bible Christianity. By the help of God, however, the congregation was enabled to liquidate $500 of the debt, although the 29 members are mostly poor laborers, who work hard and receive scanty wages. The $100 appropriated by Synod was a material help. This gracious providential interposition, in the hour of adversity, has exercised a wholesome spiritual influence, in as much as in many hearts the flame of Christian love has been rekindled, and the gates of Zion seem more lovely and amiable than ever! The services are well attended, the preached Word is received with devout attention, the Holy Sacraments and Means of Grace are highly prized, as the number of Baptisms and Communicants proves. Among the evidences of increasing activity, the formation of a Missionary Society is not to be overlooked. Nine dollars have been collected for the Missionary Treasury since its organization.

The general condition of the congregation, it is hence evident, is much more promising at present, than heretofore. Still, there continues upon our house of worship a debt of $2800, requiring the annual payment of $175 interest. This heavy draft exhausts the pecuniary ability of the few members, which is the more oppressive on account of the advanced price of provisions, rendering the increase of their church contributions for the present impracticable, as they already amount at least, to $11 per *capita*, so that for the next year they are not able to pay their minister more than $100. Without an appropriation from the Synod, it is evident, no minister could be supported here, as it would be utterly out of his power, with the sum received from the congregation to defray house-rent and meet the other necessary current expenses of living.—These circumstances induce the congregation

to ask of the Hon. Synod to assist them another year in the maintenance of their pastor. Should the blessing of God continue in time to come, as in time past, there are well-founded reasons to hope, that the congregation may soon have it in their power to maintain a pastor without the help of Synod."

Brother Gærtner reports as follows: "Since May 20th, 1853, I have been pastor at Manayunk. In reliance on the Divine blessing, I accepted this charge, at that time greatly distracted on account of a piece of ground, proposed to be purchased for the small burial ground. The blessing of God, nevertheless, was upon us, for in good season the irritation was allayed, and peace restored. The burial-place enlarged, we were enabled to direct our attention to other long-felt necessities. To improve the singing, a *Melodeon* was purchased. The congregation this year was, also, incorporated. Through continued emigration to Manayunk the number of communicants has been increased to ninety, In consequence of this increase, the church edifice proved inadequate, and we were obliged to erect a gallery, which has been done. For the future we hope the best. Love and harmony prevail in the congregation, and the members generally display a willingness to co-operate with the minister and church-council. Despite the unfavorable location of the church, the services, occurring on each Lord's day morning, are numerously attended.

During the past year, I report: Baptisms 27, Confirmed 14, Marriages 17, Funerals 6, Communicants 122.

The Sabbath-School numbers 50 scholars. During the summer months it is open from 8½ to 10 o'clock in the forenoon—in winter, from 2 to 4, P. M.

The congregation at Frankford I have served since June, 1853, where I preach every four weeks once, in the afternoon. More frequent preaching, at that place, I found out of my power, owing to the distance, and the very small amount contributed to defray expenses. There being services, so seldom, coupled with the dissatisfaction of many members with the management of the congregational affairs, as was to be expected, have wrought an unhappy effect, so that the public worship is but poorly attended. In this congregation, I report: Infant Baptisms 2, Partook of the Lord's Supper on New-Year's day, 9.

Brother A. G. Georgii has submitted the following report: "To the congregation at Camden, soon after the commencement of the Synodical year, I added two small German congregations in the country—the one, the German settlement, New Germany, in Atlantic county, (N. J.) 30 miles distant from Camden—the other, the German Evang. Lutheran congregation at and near Hainesport, in Burlington county, (N. J.) 18 miles distant from Camden. I believe, before God, I can testify, that during the past year, in believing trust in the great Head of the Church, I have spared no effort, to preserve intact the congregation at Camden, to induce families to attach themselves to the same, and so to conduct souls to the Redeemer. Nevertheless, it is with regret I have to report, that my labors have not been blessed, as I had fain hoped and expected. By the withdrawal of the praiseworthy offer of the honorable corporation of the German Lutheran St. Michael's and Zion's church, in Philadelphia, to purchase for our use several lots in a central point in Camden, whereon our entire hopes for a new church

were based, a feeling of discouragement was produced, and the public worship became more sparely attended. In short, it appeared as if the enterprize were about being abandoned, and as if the efforts of the enemies of our beloved Gospel, if possible, to prevent our success, should be crowned with success. Nevertheless, even these trials a believing and God-trusting portion of the congregation, were willing to bear, and by the purchase of cheaper lots in the Southern section of the city it was intended to furnish the proof, that the congregation was in good earnest in the effort to secure a house of worship. Accordingly, July 14th, 1853, in compliance with ancient custom, the corner-stone of our German Evangelical Lutheran St. John's church was laid, in Pine street, between 3d and 4th, on which occasion the Rev. John C. Baker, President of Synod, and Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, the Secretary, were present, and delivered appropriate discourses. Unfortunately, no progress has since been made in the erection of the building, and except some active co-operation from *without*, the enterprize has assumed an aspect of hopelessness. The church-council appear inactive and undecided, and this has affected injuriously the spirits of the entire congregation. In as much as I am compelled to teach school, for a livelihood, it is not possible for me to collect monies abroad. I am satisfied, that if a small church were but half built, many new families would attach themselves to the congregation, whereas, at present, they are awaiting further action. The increase of house-rent and price of provisions, too, made it difficult for the operatives in factories to provide for their own families. My salary was hence very limited, and yet I would not augment difficulties by insisting on an increase.

Since October our worship is conducted in a more suitable location, namely in the old court-house, which the city-councils, at my request, with apparent cheerfulness, without pay, voted to the use of the congregation. The services are held only every other Lord's day, with the consent of the Missionary committee, to enable me to devote more time to the other congregations. The attendance could be better, it is true, yet, whoever knows the hostile elements existing among the Germans of our cities, to revealed religion, need not be informed, that to win families to godliness demands Patience and Wisdom, such as spring only from love. In a place like Camden, of so much growing prominence, both in regard to location and elements of prosperity, nothing but the completion of the church edifice can secure the establishment of a German Lutheran church on any permanent basis.

A more gratifying report it is happily in my power to make in regard to my second congregation at New Germany. This consists of 28 families, regularly attached and organized. By request, I first went there on the 1st of May, 1853. They have erected a small frame church, which is provided with a bell. I held service in the forenoon, The church was crowded. I consecrated the same as Ev. Luth. St. Peter's church, administered the Lord's Supper to 30 communicants, baptized 8 children, and preached again in the afternoon, when I consecrated, likewise, the burial-ground. This was for this dear people a solemn festival. In the commencement I went there once every week, since October once every 4 weeks, when I preach morning and afternoon. to large audiences. These people are as yet poor—still they contribute to the full extent of their ability to the support of their

preacher. I have received from them about $50. As there is now a rail-road constructed there, my traveling-expenses will be considerably diminished.

The 3d congregation in and near Hainesport, Burlington county, (N. J.) consists of from 18 to 20 families. The place is favorably located, on the Rancocas stream, and promises to become a prosperous manufacturing town. The German population will hence, no doubt, increase. We worship here in a school-house. The attendance is encouraging, and the liveliest interest in the means of grace is manifested. In as much as the love of God and His word is here evident, and there is a growing disposition evinced to walk in the way that leadeth unto Eternal Life, it would fill my soul with sorrow, should any necessity arise, to sunder the bands that unite me to this dear people. They pay me a stipulated salary of sixty dollars, which I receive in quarterly payments, and promise an increase in future. I cherish the confident expectation that both these country congregations will increase, and think I can safely say, that God has bestowed an evident blessing on my labors. There are still other small German settlements, which I intend to visit, should I remain here. In Camden there are not six families, who are members of the German churches in Philndelphia. Strenuous efforts are being made by the English Baptists, through the agency of German Baptist preachers, to *proselyte* our Lutheran brethren into their communion. Whether under these circumstances, Synod will regard West Jersey as worthy its continued assistance, is respectfully submitted to its own superior wisdom and discretion.

The following is a synopsis of my labors, during the past year, in these three congregations, viz :

Camden : Baptisms 40, Confirmed 4, Communicants 70, Funerals 10, Congregational Schools 1.

New Germany : Baptized 8, Confirmed 1, Communed 64, Sabbath Schools 1.

Hainesport : Baptized 1, Confirmed 1, Communed 50.

Total : Baptisms 58, Confirmed 6, Communed 184, Funerals 10, Schools 3.

Brother Merbitz reports as follows : "In my last report on the subject of my mission-station, I expressed some solicitude for the future. The Lord, however, hath regarded us in love, and hath refreshed our prospects for a German church, as had not hitherto been our experience. A house of worship has been purchased at a cost of $300, upon which $50 have been paid. Until then we had religious exercises only once a Sabbath, now *twice*. A Sabbath school has been organized. A singing-choir has been organized, increasing the fervor of our devotion. Wednesday evening is alloted to inquiry meetings. For the German congregational school a dear brother has sent me an exemplary and beloved teacher, who has a class of from 50 to 60 pupils, whom he is daily striving to lead to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. The congregation is about to be incorporated. In a short time, a congregation will have been founded, in whose organization four ministers successively labored in vain, so that, when I came here, 11 months ago, there was scarely a hope

remaining, that the result would be attained. The Lord hath done it, to Him be all the glory!"

Brother Merbitz hereupon furnishes a detailed statement of the difficulties he has had to contend with, and states, that there are many Germans in Nauvoo, who are the enemies of Christianity, and seek to hinder it. From these persons he encountered the most resolute opposition. Brother M. states, that he is unable to defray the expense of living, with the compensation he received from his congregation, and, therefore, requests a renewal of the appropriation granted him by Synod.

Brother Muelhauser, at Milwaukie, asked an appropriation from the last Synod for Wisconsin, out of the Missionary treasury. This request was submitted to the discretion of the Executive committee, who granted him the sum of $100. In a letter, dated September 27th, 1853, he acknowledges the receipt of this sum, and reports the following in regard to the distribution of the same. He says: "I have divided the $100 into five equal parts, viz: Brother W. Buehren $20, Brother C. Kuesten $20, Brother J. Conrad $20, Brother E. Sauer $20—and, according to the wish of the brethren, as my receipts in the city amounted to but $250, I was to retain the balance. I do not know that ever a hundred dollars were more thankfully received, or more judiciously applied. The brethren will make their own acknowledgments, and I do not cherish a doubt, that the Missionary committee will experience a thrill of rejoicing quite as heartfelt as our own, when they learn of the cordial acceptance of their aid, since it is even yet more blessed to *give*, than to *receive*. Our little Missionary-Synod, which convenes with your own on Sunday after Whitsuntide, in Greenfield, will not forget the friendly sympathy of the old mother-synod, and ask of the Lord in their behalf an especial blessing. We have 9 members, perhaps 10, as the prodigal, Rev. Pastor Weibbrecht, it seems, is on the way of return again from the Methodists to the Lutheran church. Our brethren labor amidst many obstacles in the Lord's vineyard. They have to contend, not with Infidelity alone, but likewise with Poverty—yet they are not in despair—on the contrary are full of zeal and courage, satisfied that the Lord's truth must triumph, likewise in Wisconsin. Should one or another of the brethren, at any time, be in poverty and distress, I beg the Missionary committee, and the honorable Synod, again to extend to us their kind Christian sympathy, of which, be it understood, we shall only then avail ourselves, when there exists actual necessity."

Three of the above mentioned brethren have not alone returned their sincere acknowledgments to Synod for the help they have received—but have likewise sent in detailed statements of their labors. One of these reports we would gladly incorporate with our own, but the length, to which it has already attained, forbids.

In addition to the above missions, the missionaries of which have been under the direction of our Society, we have operated during the past year also in Canada and Texas, through the Missionary society of the Pittsburg Ev. Luth. Synod, which had previously established missions in these territories. As the reports from these fields have already been published in the papers of the church, we need only give a brief summary of the progress of the work during the past year.

1. The Canada missions, which have received aid from this society, are five in number, viz: Markheim, Vaughan and Toronto, Waterloo, Hamburg, and Ellice. They are supplied by the Rev. Messrs. C. F. Diehl, J. Fishborn, E. Wurster, and F. W. Tuerke, all of whom are laboring successfully among our German brethren in this long neglected field. The difficulties to be overcome in establishing the church in Canada, are greatly increased, by the almost total failure of the Synods in the United States, to send faithful ministers to her destitute German population, so that many once flourishing fields are now wasted by the worst forms of rationalism and infidelity. The entire German press of Canada is under the influence of unbelieving men and no efforts are spared to drive our missionaries off the ground. And yet with all these discouragements the church has been strenthened by the addition of one minister, and four regularly organized congregations during the past year. Two churches were consecrated, and preparations are making for the erection of three others. One Pastor's house was finished and another is being built. Three churches were organized and at several stations it is designed to form others. A Conference-district of the Pittsburg Synod was constituted, and two meetings have since been held with much benefit to the pastors and people. Our brethren are frequently applied to for laborers for the numerous German settlements which are rapidly springing up—and could these but be furnished, the increase and establishment of the church would be even more rapid and encourageing than it now is. On the whole, the progress of the cause in Canada is well calculated to strengthen confidence in the brethren who are laboring there—and inspire the hope of increasing usefulness for the future.

2. The missions in Texas, are six in number, and are supplied by ministers of the Texas Ev. Luth. Synod. The sum of $200 voted by our committee to those brethren, was divided among those most in need, in the proportion suggested by the President of that Synod. From reports of these missions, published in some of our papers—it appears, that the church in Texas is gradually strengthening itself, and that houses of worship are being erected at different points. The Central Home Missionary Society has taken all of those missions into her care, since our last meeting of Synod—so that the work which has been commenced among the German population will not be suffered to go backward for want of means. Under these circumstances, it is not proposed by our committee to renew our appropriation—in as much as a more liberal provision is now made for these brethren, than we were able to allow. Through the liberality of our people, we hope hereafter to be able to aid in the propagation of the gospel in the states and territories of the west, which are so rapidly filling up with our brethren from the old world.

May Jesus Christ the Great Head of the Church be with us ever more, and bless all our labors in his cause at Home and Abroad.

Rev. B. M. Schmucker now delivered an address, in the english language, on Home missions; and the Rev. J. Vogelbach, in german, on Foreign missions.

During the singing of the last hymn, a collection was taken up for missionary purposes, and the assemblage dismissed, with the blessing, by the President, the Rev. Dr. Baker.

*Friday*, 1½ *o'clock, P. M.*

I. *Resolved*, That Rev. B. Keller be appointed to act as Missionary in the city of Philadelphia; that the Missionary committee define the boundary of this mission, and direct its attention principally to the congregation, contemplated to be organized in connection with St. Michael's and Zion's church.

II. *Resolved*, That the Missionary committee direct their attention to the condition of our church in Canada, and to the brethren laboring there, that aid be continued to them, through Br. Passavant, during the current year, to the amount not exceeding $200.

III. *Resolved*, That the Missionary committee be authorized to write to Br. Heyer, requesting him to remain at his post in East India. They are also requested to take into consideration the sending of another missionary to the same place.

(*End of Missionary Business.*)

## III. MINISTERIAL BUSINESS.

### FIRST SESSION.

*Monday*, 12 *o'clock, M.*

I. *Resolved*, That the Brethren J. N. Hoffman, W. Gerhardt, J. Albert from the reverend Synod of West Pennsylvania, and J. Weinmann of Baltimore, and formerly a member of the Synod of Wisconsin, be received as members of this Ministerium.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. D. Ulrich.

### SECOND SESSION.

*Wednesday*, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

Opened with singing and prayer.

II. *Resolved*, That the Rev. S. R. Boyer, who has presented an honorable dismission from the West Pennsylvania Synod, be received a member of this Ministerium.

III. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Nashold be honorably dismissed to the Synod of West Pennsylvania.

IV. *Resolved*, That the complaints against the Rev. Mr. Stœver be referred to a special committee, who, in connection with the fifth Conference, shall investigate the same. Committee: Rev. Messrs. Joshua Jæger and Welden.

A Synodical session now follows.

### THIRD SESSION.

*Wednesday*, 3½ *o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. Albert.

The Ministers appointed to examine the journals of Candidates reported.

V. *Resolved*, That the Cand. E. Nitterauer, Wm. Rath, J. S. Crum-

bach, Jacob Fry, Benj. W. Schmauck, and G. F. Gærtner be ordained on to-morrow evening.

VI. *Resolved*, That Rev. C. G. Guenther of Hailbron, Wurtemberg, who has been elected assistant minister to St. Michael's and Zion's church, Philadelphia, shall, in case he accept the call tendered him by said church, be regarded, as soon as he arrives in this country, a regular member of this body.

VII. *Resolved*, That Candidate Scheide's license be renewed.

VIII. *Resolved*, That Cand. F. O. Merbitz be excused for absence; that his license be renewed, and that he be advised to connect himself with some neighboring Synod and that as soon as he shall have determined to follow this advice and informed the President thereof, he shall give him an honorable dismission.

IX. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed, who shall, at our next session, report on the questions, whether the present license-system ought to be retained, the order of catechists be re-introduced, and on whatever else may stand in connection therewith.

Committee: Rev. Messrs. Mann, C. F. Schæffer, D. D., and C. W. Schæffer.

Rev. Messrs. Bauer, Heydenreich, and Fuchs were appointed to examine certain papers.

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## FOURTH SESSION.

*Thursday, 2 o'clock, P. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Krotel.

*Report of the Examination Committee.*

The Examining committee respectfully report, that having attended to the duty assigned to them, they recommend that the following persons be licensed by this Ministerium: Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, John W. Kregelo, John W. Hossler, Edw. A. Scharretts, and Ernst Luebkert.

They also advise and recommend that Mr. Henry Wagner receive from the President a written permission to preach in Zion's church, Jackson township, Columbia county, believing that he may, for the present, labor in that church with the Divine blessing, although they do not feel authorized to recommend his licensure.

The committee also recommend that the Rev. J. J. Simon, and the Rev. Ernst Roos, whose papers they have examined with satisfaction, and with whom they have had a colloquium, be received into connection with this Synod.

W. J. MANN,
G. A. REICHERT,
C. F. SCHÆFFER,
F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. W. SCHÆFFER.

This report was adopted.

X. *Resolved*, That Synod re-affirm the standard of qualification relative to applicants for licensure, set forth in the constitution, chap. 7, sect. 4, and hereby express its determination strictly to adhere to it in future.

XI. *Resolved*, That all applicants be required to give the Secretary due notice of their intention to apply for examination, some weeks previous to the meeting of Synod, and that the Secretary inform them, in good time, of the subjects in which they are to be examined.

XII. *Resolved*, That Synod will decline, in future, to license any applicant who intends to take charge of any congregation connected with any other Synod of our church.

XIII. *Resolved*, That no applicant shall receive license, or be admitted into this body, who, without first having obtained the President's permission, shall preach to, or connect himself with any vacant congregation, till such connection has been dissolved.

XIV. *Resolved*, That none of our ministers shall be permitted to visit vacant congregations, unless they have received a written invitation from the church-councils of the same.

*Preaching.—Ordination.—Licensure.—Returning of Thanks.*

On this evening the ministers and congregation met in the church. After singing and prayer, Rev. W. J. Mann preached the ordination-sermon from Luke 5: 10. "And Jesus said unto Simon, fear not: from henceforth thou shalt catch men." Whereupon the Cand. C. Nitterauer, Wm. Rath, J. S. Crumbach, Jacob Fry, B. W. Schmauck, and G. F. Gærtner, presented themselves at the altar, and were, by prayer and the laying on of hands, solemnly ordained to the ministry of reconciliation. After which Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, Ernst Luebkert, J. W. Kregelo, J. W. Hossler, and Edw. A. Scharretts presented themselves at the altar, where they were empowered by the President to perform the duties pertaining to the holy ministry in such congregations as may be assigned them. In conclusion, thanks were returned, in the name of Synod, by the President, to the congregation in the midst of whom we have held our meetings, for their friendship and love to the Brethren, and the assembly was dismissed with the blessing of the Lord.

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## FIFTH SESSION.

*Friday, 7½ o'clock, A. M.*

Opened with singing. Prayer by Rev. Vogelbach.

XV. *Resolved*, That Rev. J. Fry be honorably dismissed to the West Pennsylvania Synod.

The Accusers of Mr. Barnitz were now called up for examination.

Resolved: That the Lancaster Conference be called upon to collect legal testimony at the expense of Synod, in order to clear up the various rumours, circulating in reference to Mr. J. C. Barnitz, and bring the same before Synod at its next session.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. J. C. Barnitz rose and declared his connection with this Synod dissolved.

Whereupon it was

XVI. *Resolved*, That, whereas Mr. J. C. Barnitz has thought proper to declare his connection with this body dissolved, and thus prevented us from regularly investigating his case, he be declared as standing no longer in connection with this Ministerium.

## ADJOURNMENT OF SYNOD.

The President declared Synod adjourned, on Friday, between the hours of 4 and 5, P. M. Before seperating, however, the Brethren united in singing a hymn of praise to the Lord who had thus far guided, helped and blessed us. Then all knelt, while the Pesident offered the concluding prayer, the Brethren again uniting in pronouncing aloud the "Lord's prayer," which being finished the President dismissed the assembly with the

### Blessing.

We now do part, but not from God's good hand;
Beneath his eye in all our ways we stand;
His word divine,
In us shall ever shine,
Light and pow'r and strength to give,
Faithful to his cause to live.

Hallelujah! We bless our glorious Lord,
For in his Service is a rich reward;
His mercies sure,
To endless years endure.
This must move our Souls to raise,
Songs of glory to his praise.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct account of the transactions of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States, convened in St. James' church, in the city of Reading, from the 11th to the 16th of June, A. D. 1854.

AUGUSTUS THEODOSIUS GEISSENHAINER,
*Secretary of the Ministerium.*

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

### SYNODICAL TREASURY.

#### Receipts.

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| Balance received from former Treasurer | $ 521 08½ |
| Receipts during the year | 335 15½ |
| Total | $ 856 24 |

#### Expenditures.

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| Paid printer's account | $ 154 13 |
| Sundry other bills | 27 61 |
| Total | $ 181 74 |
| Balance in hand | 674 50 |
| | $856 24 |

## MISSIONARY TREASURY.

### Receipts.

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| Balance received of former Treasurer | $ 964 44½ |
| Received during the year | 1,627 73½ |
| Total | $2,574 18 |

### Expenditures.

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| Salary of Missionary Heyer | $ 600 00 |
| For schools in India | 180 00 |
| For Missions in Canada | 201 00 |
| " " in Texas | 200 40 |
| " " in Wisconsin | 100 00 |
| For different Home-missions | 764 33 |
| Total | $2,045 73 |
| Balance in hand | 528 45 |
| | $2,574 18 |

C. W. SCHÆFFER, *Treasurer.*

(The following report on the Treasurer's account should have been inserted in the minutes of the fourth Synodical session, but was, by an oversight of the Secretary, omitted.)

*Report on the Treasurer's Account.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, have the honor to report, that they carefully examined the same and found all correct.

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| In the Synodical treasury inclusive of balance of last year | $856 24 |
| Expenditures | 181 74 |
| Balance in hand | $674 50 |

### Missionary Treasury.

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| Received inclusive of balance of last year | $2,564 18 |
| Expenditures | 2,045 73 |
| Balance in hand | $ 528 45 |

### For German Professorship.

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| Receipts | $8,064 91 |
| Expenditures | 6,971 00 |
| Balance in treasury | $1,093 91 |

F. W. GEISSENHAINER,
C. F. WELDEN,
JOHN REDDIG.

Reading, June 12th, 1854.

# APPENDIX I.

## No. 1. PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

| NAMES OF THE MINISTERS according to the date of their ordination. | Congregations. | Baptized. | Confirmed. | Communicants. | Burials. | Schools. Congregation | Schools. Sunday | Contributions. Synodical Treasury. | Contributions. Missionary Treasury generally. | Contributions. Heathen Mission especially. | Contributions. Schools in India. | Contributions. Education Fund. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rev. D. Ulrich, | | 47 | | 225 | 17 | | | 1 00 | $2 00 | $2 00 | | | No Congregation. |
| " W. Bætis, Sen. Min. | | | | | | | | | | | | | " " |
| " J. C. Baker, D. D. | 1 | 35 | 1 | *290 | 22 | | 1 | | | | | | *From other congregations 40. |
| " J. N. Hemping, | | | | | | | | | 2 00 | | | | |
| " J. J. Strein, | 3 | 54 | 18 | 365 | 20 | | 1 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | | | |
| " F. W. Geissenhainer, | 1 | 350 | 54 | 850 | 200 | 1 | 1 | 2 00 | 3 00 | *3 00 | | | *From Mrs. Vœlzel of New-York. |
| " H. G. Stecher, | 2 | 25 | | 290 | 30 | | 3 | 3 33 | 4 00 | | | | |
| " S. Trumbauer, | 4 | 98 | 55 | 520 | 62 | | 4 | 3 00 | 12 00 | 5 00 | $2 00 | $3 00 | |
| " C. R. Demme, D. D., | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " G. A. Reichert, | | | | | | | | 55 00 | | | †100 00 | | †From the Youth's Missionary Society of St. Michael's & Zion's congregation in Philadelphia. |
| " W. J. Mann, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " S. A. Mealy, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " J. Stein, | 7 | 110 | 67 | 925 | 64 | | 6 | 1 00 | | | 8 60 | | |
| " G. F. J. Jæger, | 8 | 192 | 97 | 1784 | 80 | 8 | 3 | | | | | | |
| " E. Peixoto, | 3 | 90 | 33 | 563 | 45 | 1 | 1 | 2 00 | 14 07 | | | | |
| " W. J. Eyer, | 6 | 134 | 38 | 587 | 23 | | 2 | 2 00 | 23 47 | 2 00 | | | |
| " Jesiah Bahl, | 9 | 130 | 118 | 720 | 47 | | 3 | 5 41 | 15 00 | 2 00 | | | |
| " H. S. Miller, | 1 | 27 | 11 | 110 | 10 | | 3 | 1 00 | 5 60 | §3 50 | | | §From Mrs. Miller's Morning Sunday School. |
| " C. P. Miller, | 4 | 81 | 33 | 500 | 37 | | 10 | 4 55 | 10 00 | | | | |
| " J. Medtart, | 2 | 22 | 2 | 214 | 4 | | 2 | 2 80 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 4 00 | | |
| " W. B. Kæmmerer, | 6 | | 89 | 1034 | 81 | 3 | 4 | 2 00 | 14 08 | | | | |
| " Joshua Jæger, | 5 | 115 | 63 | 957 | 51 | | 1 | 6 00 | 40 00 | | | | |
| " C. F. Schæffer, D. D. | 1 | 204 | 74 | 330 | 64 | | 3 | 5 00 | 12 50 | | †18 30 | | †From the Sunday School of St. John's church. |
| " I. Rœller, | 8 | 186 | 88 | 1223 | 54 | | | | | | | | |
| " G. Schulze, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Rev. Jeremiah Schindel, | 8 | 175 | *217 | 1191 | 67 | 6 | 5 | $5 00 | $ 75 00 | | | $10 00 | *From 2 years. |
| " C. F. Welden, | 4 | 41 | 47 | 582 | 18 | | | 4 16 | 30 00 | | | | |
| " Andrew Fuchs, | 5 | 125 | 93 | 446 | 38 | | 4 | 1 00 | | $41 50 | | | |
| " J. Albert, | 3 | 23 | 13 | 188 | 7 | | 2 | 2 00 | 11 00 | 10 82 | | | |
| " J. N. Hoffmann, | 2 | 42 | 41 | 400 | 25 | | 2 | 5 00 | 37 04 | *25 90 | | | *From the S. S. in Lebanon $15 23. Church of Anville $12 73. |
| " C. W. Schæffer, | 1 | 24 | 12 | 230 | 15 | | 1 | 2 00 | 62 07 | | | | |
| " L. G. Eggers, | 4 | 63 | 60 | 560 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 00 | 18 00 | | | | |
| " G. M. Merz, | | | | | | | | | | | | | No Congregation. |
| " G. W. Mennig, | 3 | 125 | 31 | 334 | 70 | | 3 | 2 95 | | 57 00 | * 13 00 | | *From the Sunday-School. |
| " C. F. Stoever, | 1 | 56 | 31 | 150 | 28 | | | 1 00 | 4 00 | | | | |
| " A. T. Geissenhainer, | 1 | 47 | 3 | 134 | 12 | | 1 | | 5 00 | | | | |
| " J. F. Wilken, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " J. W. Vogelbach, | 4 | 147 | 81 | 1762 | 47 | | 6 | 1 31 | 51 00 | 45 00 | | | |
| " A. G. Georgii, | 3 | 61 | 6 | 182 | 10 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | |
| " C. A. Hay, | 1 | 45 | 12 | 327 | 30 | | 3 | | 50 00 | 32 33 | | | |
| " E. A. Bauer, | 7 | 170 | 37 | 970 | 62 | 2 | 6 | 2 00 | 26 11 | | | | |
| " F. A. M. Keller, | 3 | 170 | 87 | 604 | 60 | | 4 | | 50 00 | | | | |
| " C. F. F. Sallmann, | 3 | 113 | 7 | 332 | 48 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| " C. L. Erle, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " G. A. Wenzel, | 3 | 29 | 11 | 553 | 36 | | 2 | 7 50 | 26 00 | | | | |
| " H. Garlichs, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " C. G. A. Neumann, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " John Kohler, | 1 | 8 | 3 | 116 | 12 | | 1 | 3 00 | 12 00 | | | | |
| " Charles Rees, | 7 | 89 | 57 | 487 | 51 | | 3 | 3 37 | 5 00 | 4 00 | 00 | 5 00 | |
| " Nathan Jæger, | 5 | 147 | 150 | 1045 | 89 | | 7 | 2 00 | | 30 00 | 20 00 | | |
| " J. B. Crist, | 3 | 13 | 12 | 132 | | | 2 | | 5 00 | | | | |
| " J. C. Schmidt, | 4 | 75 | 63 | 489 | 37 | 8 | 3 | 1 00 | *13 00 | | | | *From St. Michael's church $4 00. From North Kill $9 00. |
| " Augustus Bergner, | 5 | 206 | 151 | 865 | 67 | 5 | 4 | 2 00 | 12 00 | 2 00 | 3 00 | 1 00 | |
| " W. Heilig, | | | | | | | | 1 00 | 2 00 | | | | |
| " C. A. F. Popp, | 1 | 36 | 12 | 155 | 6 | 1 | 1 | | 10 00 | | | | |
| " F. Walz, | 7 | 117 | 70 | 946 | 43 | 1 | 1 | 1 66 | 17 00 | | | | |
| " W. Gerhart, | 3 | 48 | 59 | 400 | 22 | | 2 | 2 00 | 20 00 | 5 00 | | | |
| " W. Weaver, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Martin Sondhaus, | 2 | 18 | 7 | 100 | 26 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| " Louis Heydenreich, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Rev. Daniel Maier, | 2 | 54 | 24 | 318 | 27 | 1 | 1 | $1 50 | | 6 00 | | | *Bellermans $13 75. St. Daniels $9 54. New Bern $10 30. Meyerstown $20. Womelsdorf $8 75. New Heidelberg $8 66. New Rehrersberg $7 00. Millerstown $5 37½ cents. |
| " J. Naschold, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " C. M. Jæger, | 1 | 8 | 11 | 41 | 1 | 1 | | | $20 00 | | | | |
| " S. K. Brobst, | 2 | 44 | 12 | 65 | 18 | | 2 | 1 00 | 5 00 | | | | |
| " G. F. Miller, | 3 | 73 | 70 | 782 | 59 | | 3 | 2 50 | 30 00 | | | | |
| " G. F. Krotel, | 1 | 76 | 41 | 453 | 30 | | 2 | 10 00 | 145 00 | | | | |
| " T. T. Jæger, | 8 | 145 | 168 | 1200 | 67 | 2 | 10 | 1 00 | *83 37½ | | | | |
| " R. S. Wagner, | 8 | 116 | 84 | 550 | 53 | | 4 | 2 00 | | | | | |
| " J. H. Menges, | 1 | 38 | 25 | 100 | 32 | | 2 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 4 00 | *6 59 | $4 00 | *From the Sunday school. |
| " J. Clemens Miller, | 2 | 24 | 24 | 280 | 18 | | 2 | 1 00 | 10 00 | 10 00 | | | |
| " W. G. Laitzle, | 4 | 27 | 38 | | 28 | | 4 | 2 00 | 5 00 | *15 62 | | | *From Wenrich's church $1 92. From Sandy Hollow $1 70. |
| " B. M. Schmucker, | 1 | 5 | 15 | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| " Julius Ehrhard, | 6 | 80 | 31 | 310 | 22 | 1 | 3 | 1 50 | 12 00 | | | | |
| " C. C. A. Brandt, | 3 | 68 | 11 | 648 | 18 | 1 | 2 | | | | | *27 00 | *Paid by Rev. Ziegler, Agent of the Educational Society, &c. |
| " G. A. Hinterleitner, | 5 | 107 | 17 | 615 | 46 | | 2 | 1 00 | 20 00 | | | | |
| " J. F. Hornberger, | 3 | 35 | 120 | 30 | | | | | 3 00 | | | | |
| " S. R. Boyer, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " J. Weinmann, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " J. J. Simon, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Ernst Roos, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cand. G. W. Scheide, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " C. Nitterauer, | | | | | | | | 1 00 | | | | | |
| " A. Rueter, | 4 | 53 | 59 | 366 | 18 | | 5 | 3 00 | 10 00 | | | | |
| " Wm. Rath, | 6 | 168 | 96 | 1121 | 98 | | 2 | | | *12 00 | | | *From the congregation in Cherryville. |
| " J. S. Crumbach, | 1 | 12 | 17 | 70 | 16 | | 1 | 2 00 | 4 00 | | | | |
| " Jacob Fry, | 1 | 23 | 33 | 350 | 9 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| " B. W. Schmauck, | 1 | 126 | 19 | 457 | 93 | | 1 | 5 00 | | 51 75 | | | |
| " Geo. F. Gærtner, | 2 | 31 | 14 | 131 | 6 | | 1 | | 4 00 | | | | |
| " Fred. O. Merbitz, | 1 | 15 | 7 | 110 | 5 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Trinity church, Reading, | | 93 | *11 | 425 | 55 | | 1 | 10 00 | | | 41 21 | | *These were confirmed in Sinking Spring. |
| Prof. F. A. Muhlenberg, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cand. Ernst Luebkert, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " J. W. Kregelo, | | | | | | | | | | | | | *These $20 were paid by L. A. Wollenweber. Per centage and sale of hymn-book. |
| " J. W. Hossler, | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| " Ed. A. Scharretts, | | | | | | | | | 5 50 | | | | |
| Bindnagel's church, | | | | | | | | *20 00 | | | | | |

## CONTRIBUTIONS.

The following contributions were received by the Treasurer during last year (1853), after the meeting of Synod, but not inserted in the minutes. Their receipt is hereby acknowledged.

| | Synodical Treasury. | Missionary Treasury |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Per Rev. Hay, from the congregation in Harrisburg (additional) | | $20 00 |
| 2. From the Female Missionary Society of the church of the Holy Trinity, Lancaster | | 60 00 |
| 3. Per Rev. C. Nitterauer, from the congreg. in Dauphin | | 10 00 |
| 4. " " J. B. Crist, " " in Maytown | | 6 00 |
| 5. " " M. Sondhaus, from the congreg. in Elizabethtown, &c. | | |
| 6. Per Mr. Fred. Gentner, from the Missionary Society of St. Michael's & Zion's congregation, Philadelphia | | 225 00 |
| 7. From the Luth. & Ref. Sunday Schools in Allentown | | 10 00 |
| 8. Per Rev. Fred. Walz, from the congreg. in Pottsville | | 1 40 |
| 9. " " J. Muehlhauser in Wisconsin | | 17 00 |
| 10. Per Mr. Fred. Gentner, from the Missionary Society of St. Michael's & Zion's congregation, Philadelphia | | 125 00 |
| 11. From Mrs. J. D. Wollenweber, per-centage on the sale of the hymn-book, from April 1853 to April 1854, | $121 85 | |

Rev. N. Jæger collected in and around the Swamp, Montgomery county, the sum of $38 for the Norwegian church in Chicago, Illinois. The Treasurer sent the money to Rev. Anderson in Chicago and holds a receipt for the same.—Since, however, the money was not designed for any of our treasuries, it has not been credited in any of the books of this Synod.

C. W. SCHÆFFER.

## No. 2. Alphabetical Register of the Ministers belonging to the Synod, together with their Post Offices and Congregations.

| NAMES OF MINISTERS. | POST OFFICE ADDRESSES. | Cgr | NAMES OF THE CONGREGATIONS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Albert, Jacob | Millersville, Lancaster county, Pa. | 3 | Millersville, Rohrerstown, Petersburg. |
| Bætis, W., Senior Min. | Lancaster, Pa. | | [ley's, Hollenback's. |
| Bahl, J. | Berwick, Columbia county, | 9 | Briar creek, Mifflin, Orangeville, Salem, Beaver valley, Cattawissa valley, Nescopeck, Heid- |
| Bauer, E. A. | Lehighton. Carbon county, | 7 | West Penn, East Penn, Mahoning, Weissport, St. John's, Pennsville, and Lynntown. |
| Baker, J. C., D. D. | Philadelphia | 1 | St Luke, (English.) |
| Bergner. A. | Greenbriar, Northumberland couuty, | 5 | Himmel's, Peter's, Simon's, St. Paul's, and St. John's. |
| Boyer, S. R. | McEwensville, | | |
| Brandt, C. C. A. | Johnstown, Cambria county, | 3 | Zion's in Johnstown, Halfway House, Scalp Level. |
| Brobst, S. K. | Allentown, Pa. | 2 | Editor of the "Jugendfreund." |
| Crist, J. B. | Maytown, Lancaster county, | 3 | Maytown, Mt. Joy, Marietta. |
| Crumbach, J. S. | Lancaster, Lancaster county, | 1 | St. John's. |
| Demme, C. R., D. D. | Philadelphia | 1 | St. Michael's, Zion's, and St. Paul's church—one congregation. |
| Eggers, L. G | Strauchsburg, Berks county, | 4 | Tulpehockon, Rœhrersburg, Newmanstown, and Mill Creek. |
| Ebrhard, Julius | Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county, | 6 | Jerusalem's near Schuylkill Haven, Zion's in Pottsville, Zion's in West Brunswick, Zion's |
| Erle, C. L. | Cherry, Sullivan county, | 4 | Zion's, Belatimer, Friedens, Christ. [near Lewistown, Salem's, St Clair. |
| Eyer, W. J. | Cattawissa, Columbia county, | 6 | Cattawissa, St. Matthew's, Roaring creek, Fisher's, Mahoning, New Columbia. |
| Fuchs, A. | Bath, Northampton county, | 5 | Bath, St. John, Plainfield, Union, Emanuel's. |
| Garlichs, Herman | Brooklyn, N. Y. | 1 | Brooklyn. |
| Gærtner, Geo. F. | Manayunk, Philadelphia. | 2 | Manayunk and Frankford. |
| Geissenhainer, F. W. | No. 76 East 14th Street, New York, | 1 | New York. |
| Geissenhainer, A. T. | Trenton, N. J. | 1 | Trenton. |
| Georgii, A. G. | Camden, N. J. | 3 | Camden, New Germany, Hainesport, all in New Jersey. |
| Gerhardt, Wm, | Stone Church, Northampton county, | 2 | Upper and Lower Mt. Bethel. |
| Hay, C. A. | Harrisburg, Pa. | 1 | Zion, (English.) |
| Heilig, W. | Middletown, Lancaster county, | | |
| Hemping, J. W. | Millerstown, Dauphin county, | | No congregation. |
| Heydenreich, Louis | Bethlehem, Northampton county, | | No congregation. |
| Hinterleitner, G. A. | Kutztown, Berks county, | 5 | Kutztown, New Jerusalem, Lobachville, Friedensburg, Oley. |
| Hoffman, John N. | Lebanon, Lebanon county, | 2 | Salem's in Lebanon and Anville, |
| Hornberger, J. F. | Longvalley, Monroe county, | 3 | Chestnut Hill, Ross, Jerusalem. |
| Hossler, John W. | Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, N. Y. | 1 | Rhinebeck. |
| Jæger, G. F. J. | Hamburg, Berks county, | 8 | Hamburg, Zion's, Frieden's, Paul, Bethel, Peter's Zion, Dunkel. |
| Jæger, Joshua | Allentown. Pa. | 6 | Christ, Friedens, Jerusalem, &c. |
| Jæger, T. T. | Womelsdorf, Berks county | 8 | Womelsdorf, Meyerstown, Union, Bellerman's, North Heidelberg, Bern, St. Daniel and Zion's. |
| Jæger, N. | New Hanover, Montgomery county, | 5 | Falkoner Swamp, Boyerstown, Sassaman's, Kieler's, &c. |
| Jæger, C. M. | Wilmington, Del. | 2 | Wilmington, Zion. |
| Kæmmerer, W. B. | Richlandtown, Bucks county, Pa. | 6 | Flattland, Hilltown, Ridgeroad, Bedminster, Williamstown in Northampton county, Zion in |
| Keller, F. A. M. | Reading, Berks county, | 3 | St. James, Reading, Robeson, St. James, Geiger's Mills. [Bucks county. |
| Kregelo, John W. | | | |
| Kohler, J. | New Holland, Lancaster county, | 1 | New Holland. |
| Krotel, G. F. | Lancaster, Lancaster county, | 1 | Holy Trinity church, Lancaster. |
| Laitzle, G. W. | Palmyra, Lebanon county, | 4 | Palmyra, Union, St. Mary, and Salem's. |
| Luebkert, Ernst | Princeton, N. J. | | |
| Mann, W. J. | Philadelphia, Pa. | 1 | (See Dr. Demme's Report.) Second minister in the same congregation. |
| Maier, D. | Harrisburg, Pa. | 2 | St. Michael's and Swatara. |

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| Mealy, S. A. | Canton, Stark county, Ohio | | |
| Medtart, J. | Blue Bell, Montgomery county, | 2 | St. John in Whitpain, and St. Peter's. |
| Merbitz, Fried. O. | Nauvoo, Hancock county, Ill. | 1 | Nauvoo. |
| Merz, G. M. | Chambersburg, Pa. | | |
| Miller, G. F. | Pottstown, Montgomery county, | 3 | Pottstown, Amity, Limerick. |
| Miller, H. S. | Norristown, Montgomery county, | 1 | Trinity church, Norristown. |
| Miller, J. Clemens | Phœnixville, Pa. | 2 | St. Peter's and Zion's, Chester county. |
| Miller, C. P. | Bucksville, Bucks county, | 4 | Nockamixon, Durham. Springfield, Tinicum. |
| Mennig, G. W. | Pottsville, Schuylkill county, | 3 | Pottsville, Schuylkill Haven, Minersville. |
| Menges, J. H. | Columbia, Lancaster county, | 1 | Columbia, (English.) |
| Muhlenberg, F. A. | Gettysburg, Adams county, | | |
| Neuman, C. G. A. | Upper Mahantongo, Schuylkill county. | 7 | Klinger's Deepcreek, Little Mahony, Hochwærter's, Miller's, &c. |
| Naschold, J. | Chambersburg, Franklin county, | 1 | Chambersburg. |
| Peixoto, E. | Tylersport, Montgomery county, | 3 | Old Goschenhoppen, Indianfield, Tohickon. |
| Popp, C. A. F. | Buchanan, Alleghany county, Pa. | 2 | Birmingham, near Pittsburg, St. Paul's. |
| Reichert, G. A. | Kittanning, Armstrong county | | Pastor emeritus of St. Michael's and Zion's congregation, Philadelphia. |
| Roos, S. | | | |
| Rœl'er, I. | Kutztown, Berks county, | 8 | Mosillom, Coxtown, Merztown, Maxatawny, Hereford, Mertz, Jacobs, &c. |
| Rees, C. | Brickersville, Lancaster county, | 7 | Emanuel's, Jerusalem, Whiteoak, Manheim, Muddy creek, Swamp, &c. |
| Rath, W. | Orefield, Lehigh county, | 6 | Cherryville, Stone Church, Moore, New Moore, Towamensing, and Washington. |
| Rueter, Adelbert, | Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county, | 4 | Orwigsburg, Friedensburg, McKeansburg, Little Schuylkill. |
| Sallman, C. F. F. | Conyngham, Luzerne county, | 3 | Conyngham, Hazleton, St. John. |
| Schæffer, C. F., D. D. | Easton, Pa. | 1 | Easton, St. John's. |
| Schæffer, C. W. | Germantown, Pa. | 2 | Germantown, St. Michael's. |
| Schindel, J. | South Whitehall, Lehigh county, | 8 | Jordan, Trexlerstown, Ziegel, Union, Weissenburg, Heidelberg, Fogelsville & South Whitehall. |
| Schmidt, J. C. | Bernville, Berks county, | 4 | St. Michael's, North Kill, Christ, Kissinger's. |
| Schmucker, B. M. | Allentown, Lehigh county, | 1 | Allentown, (English.) |
| Schulz, G. | Williamsport, Lycoming county, | 4 | Emanuel, Nippenose, Trinity, Newburg. |
| Scheide, G. W. | Hamburg, Berks county, | 3 | Sommerberg, Port Clinton, Hamburg. |
| Schmauck, Benj. W. | Lancaster, Pa. | 2 | Zion's, Lancaster. |
| Simon, J. J. | Boston, Mass. | | |
| Sondhaus, M. | Elizabethtown, Lancaster county, | 4 | Christ, Elizabethtown—Trinity, Londonderry, Lebanon county. |
| Scharretts, Fred. | | 4 | Stumpstown, Klobs, Munro, and Ziegel. |
| Stecher, H. G. | Hummelstown, Dauphin county, | 2 | Zion in Hummelstown, and Hill church. |
| Stein, J. | Jonestown, Lebanon county, | 7 | Zion in Jonestown, Salem's, Walmer's—Zion in Hanover, &c. |
| Strein, J. J. | Lancaster, Pa. | 4 | Strassburg, Columbia, Conestoga, Centre. |
| Stœver, C. F. | Mechanicsburg, Cumberland county, | 1 | Schup's. |
| Trumbauer, S. | Leacock, Lancaster county, | 4 | Zion, Centre, Bergstrass, Reamstown. |
| Ulrich, D. | Stouchstown, Berks county, | | No congregation. |
| Vogelbach, J. | Allentown, Lehigh county, | 5 | Allentown, Milford, Upper and Lower Saucon, Salzburg. |
| Wagner, R. S. | Reading, Pa | 8 | Elsass, Zion, Schwarzwald, Alleghany, Wyomissing, Epler's, Gernant's, St. John. |
| Walz, F. | Berrysburg, Dauphin county, | 7 | St. John, St. Peter's, &c. |
| Wenzel, G. A. | Trappe, Montgomery county, | 3 | Augustus, Jerusalem, and Christ. |
| Welden, C. F. | Bethlehem, Northampton county, | 4 | Salem in Bethlehem, Trinity, St. Thomas, and Arndt's. |
| Weaver, W. | Bloomsburg, Columbia county, | 1 | Bloomsburg. |
| Weinmann, John | Baltimore, Md. | | |
| Wilken, J. F. | Wartburg, Morgan county, East Ten. | 1 | Wartburg. |

(APPENDIX A.)

# AN ACT

TO

## INCORPORATE THE GERMAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM OF PENNYSLVANIA, AND ADJACENT STATES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That William Baetis, John C. Baker, Augustus T. Geissenhainer, Charles W. Schaeffer, and the other members of the German Evang. Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and the adjacent States, as contained in their synodical minutes for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and their successors, together with such lay delegates from the several pastoral charges comprised within the said synod, as may be from time to time appointed by the aforesaid charges in accordance with the rules and regulations of said synod, shall be and are hereby constituted a body corporate under the name, style and title of "The German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adjacent States," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in the courts of this Commonwealth and elsewhere; to have and use a common seal; to make and establish such by-laws and ordinances as shall be necessary and proper for the regulation of the temporal concerns of the said ministerium, and for the promotion of religion by education, missions and otherwise: *Provided,* That nothing shall be done in pursuance of the powers and privileges hereinbefore granted repugnant to this act, to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth, or to the usages, principles and doctrines of the German Evangelical Lutheran church, as expressed in its symbolical books, and more especially set forth in the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, and in Luther's Small Catechism.

SECTION 2. That all legacies heretofore granted to, and all property real, personal and mixed, now held by any person in trust for the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adjacent States, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the said the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and adjacent States, as fully as though such bequests had been made or such trusts executed to the said ministerium by its corporate style and title.

SECTION 3. That the said ministerium shall elect a senior, a president, a secretary and a treasurer, together with any other officers that may be necessary, at such times and places and to serve for such periods as may be ordered by its by-laws and regulations, and that the said ministerium may admit to its connexion and to participation in its privileges, upon examination or upon dismission from other ecclesiastical bodies, such persons as it shall judge worthy to exercise the functions of the gospel ministry in its connexion.

SECTION 4. That the said ministerium and their successors, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to purchase, receive, hold and enjoy all such lands, tenements, bequests, annuities and gifts of any kind whatsoever as may be at any time sold, con-

veyed, bequeathed, given or granted to it either absolutely or in trust, and have power to sell or otherwise dispose of the same: *Provided*, That the said corporators shall not at any time hold or absolutely possess property or estate real, personal and mixed, exceeding the annual value of twenty-five thousand dollars.

E. B. CHASE,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

M. M'CASLIN,
*Speaker of the Senate.*

APPROVED—The seventeenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

WM. BIGLER.

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(APPENDIX B.)

(This appendix was received too late for insertion, in consequence of which the Secretary is obliged to defer its publication to next year.)

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(APPENDIX C.)

## STATUTE-PLAN

OF A

### MINISTERS, WIDOWS, ORPHAN AND EMERITE FUND IN AID OF ALL CLERGYMEN OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION, IN PENNSYLVANIA.

*Article* 1. This society shall consist of members from all the acknowledged Lutheran Ministeriums in the United States who shall have paid their regular contributions.

*Art.* 2. This contribution is as follows: Initiation-fee $25, and each succeeding year $5 in advance. Any one paying $100 on being initiated, shall be exempted from all further contribution, with the exception of the addition specified in Article 3.

*Art.* 3. Every member who has become a widower, shall upon each and every re-marriage pay the additional sum of $15.

*Art.* 4. *a*, Every Lutheran Lay-member presenting the society with $25, shall be an honorary Life-member; *b*. and a donation of $100 will constitute the donor a Life-member of the Board of Trustees.

*Art.* 5. Each member shall receive a certificate, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and bearing the seal of the society.

*Art.* 6. This fund will consist of the initiation-fees, additional contributions and donations (Art. 2, 3, 4), of one half of the annual installments (Art. 2), of whatever may accrue from sources opened by Synods, and donations and legacies designed for this object.

*Art.* 7. No one, ceasing to be a member of this society, shall have the right to claim re-payment of any of the monies he has contributed. The same holds good in regard to the heirs of deceased members, excepting in the event anticipated in Art. 9.

*Art.* 8. All ministers, who, at the time of the establishment of this

fund, stand in connection with a Synod, and who within the first two years of its existence, and afterwards those, who within the first two years after their marriage shall connect themselves with this society, are entitled with their families, to all the advantages offered by the same, after having been members for the term of one year.

*Art.* 9. All ministers, who have neglected to connect themselves with this society within the time specified in Art. 8, may become members of the same, (provided their age according to Art. 10 does not exclude them,) by paying the initiation-fee and annual contribution with lawful interest from the time of the creation of the fund. They are, however, only admitted to regular membership after a term of three years. Should such a member die before the expiration of this term his widow and orphans are not entitled to pensions. Yet, should the family of such a member stand in need of aid, the Trustees shall have power to refund to his widow and orphans, to the exclusion of all other heirs, the amount by him contributed.

*Art.* 10. Any one having attained the age of sixty shall not be admitted to membership.

*Art.* 11. The provision contained in Art. 10 shall not be considered as applying to ministers, at present, in connection with our Synods, provided, they become members of this society within the first year of its organization.

*Art.* 12. Each member shall, upon his admission into this society, if requested by the Trustees, exhibit a certificate of the date of his birth and marriage.

*Art.* 13. The funds of this society (Art. 6) shall be put out on interest, secured by first mortgage on real estate, of at least double the amount of said mortgage, or invested in good stock security.

*Art.* 14. The interest of the money invested, the one half of the annual contributions, together with donations and legacies intended for distribution shall, after deducting incidental expenses, be equally divided among such superannuated ministers as are members of this society; and also among the widows and orphans of deceased members, in sums not exceeding $200 annually. The surplus remaining after paying pensions to be added to the principal.

*Art.* 15. Superannuated ministers are those, who by reason of old age or protracted illness are unable to discharge the duties of their office, and who shall have given satisfactory evidence of their inability to the Trustees.

*Art.* 16. The Trustees shall determine the day on which emerites are entitled to their pension. The pensions of widows and orphans are to be paid from the day on which the husband or mother is removed by death.

*Art.* 17. Widows and orphans must establish their claims to the benefits of the fund of the society by an attested certificate of the death of the head of the family or the mother as also by a certificate of the birth of the children.

*Art.* 18. If an emerite should again resume the duties of his office, his allowance expires on the day, upon which his renewed official activity begins.

*Art.* 19. After the death of a member, his widow shall only be entitled to a pension as long as she remains unmarried. On her death,

or re-marriage her pension is forfeited; if she has children entitled to an allowance, her claim is transferred to them and expires only after the youngest shall have attained the age of 14.

*Art.* 20. If a member marry the widow of a party not concerned, having children by a former marriage, these children are, after the death of the step-father, not entitled to a pension.

*Art.* 21. If a member shall neglect according to Art. 9 to pay the sum of $15 in addition, upon every re-marriage, he shall be entitled to a pension, but in the event of his death, neither his widow, nor the children born to him by this marriage for which the addition, called for, was not paid, shall be entitled to a claim.

*Art.* 22. If a minister be expelled from any Synod for immoral conduct, he shall forfeit thereby all claim to a pension; but his widow and orphans shall retain their right to a widow and orphan allowance, in case the annual contributions have been paid. The same course will be maintained with regard to those, who shall voluntarily dissolve their connection with all Synods.

*Art.* 23. In the event of a divorce, the wife looses all claim to a widow's allowance, but not the children their claim to orphan-pensions.

*Art.* 24. The Trustees shall have power to withhold from any widow, guilty of notoriously bad conduct, the benefits of this fund.

*Art.* 25. Any member having neglected, for two years in succession, to pay, in advance, his annual contribution, and who, after having been twice requested to do so, still refuses to fulfil his obligations, shall forfeit, for himself and his family, all claim to the benefits of this society, and his name be striken from the roll of its members.

*Art.* 26. The widow, orphan and emerite fund of ministers of the Augsb. Confession shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, consisting:

*a*) of the Life-members mentioned in Art. 4, *b*.

*b*) of 9 Trustees, 5 Ministers and 4 Lay-men, of whom three are to be elected annually for a term of three years. The first 9 Trustees Synod will elect during its present session.

*Art.* 27. Five Trustees constitute a quorum.

*Art.* 28. The Board of Trustees shall elect annually: one President, one Vice-President, one Recording-Secretary, one Corresponding-Secretary, and one Treasurer.

*Art.* 29. The Trustees are bound to secure the property, belonging to this society, against all losses, as far as possible. They may, if deemed necessary, fill all vacancies that may occur in the interim between two Synodical meetings. They fix the amount of pensions; decide in cases not foreseen; propose whatever they may deem necessary to the prosperity of the institution, and make, whatever other arrangements, its management may require.

*Art.* 30. The President calls a meeting of the Trustees whenever the business of the society requires it, or two of his colleagues request it. He conducts the meeting, signs all orders, and exercises watchfulness over the interests of the institution.

*Art.* 31. The Recording-Secretary shall keep a regular record of all the deliberations and resolutions of the Board of Trustees. The Corresponding-Secretary attends to all correspondence, which the interests of this society and its members may call for.

*Art.* 32. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the income, ad-

ding the same, with the advice and consent of the Trustees, to the principal, and pay all bills approved by the President. He shall make out an annual report on the amount of monies in hand and monies outstanding, on the nature of the investments, and the sum total of expenditures.

*Art.* 33. An annual statement of the number of members, the condition of the treasury, the number of widows, orphans and emerites assisted, and the sum total of pensions paid over, shall be made out and sent to all the members and Synods.

*Art.* 34. The books shall always be open to the examination of any of the members of the society.

*P. S.* The Committee expresses the wish, that, as soon as Synod shall have organized this society, measures be adopted to have it incorporated.

The Committee,

L. W. HEYDENREICH,
E. PEIXOTO.